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Shanghai, December 7, 1938. 12934

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, an Interim Dividend has been declared for the year ending December 31, 1938 of 75 cents per share (Local Currency) on the present issued capital of the Company payable on December 30, 1938 to Shareholders on the register at that date.

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DECEMBER

14 S.L.H.A. Tea Dance, Ciro's
14 Theosophical Society, 75 Jessfield Rd., Public Lecture, 6
14 King George VI's birthday (1895)

Coming Events
DECEMBER

15 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
15 Royal Asiatic Society Meeting
15 'The Mascot,' music by E. Odran, Russian Light Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
15 For. Y. Debate: 'Chinese Morals and Movies,' 9
16 Shai. Dialect Club, Foreign Y, 6
16 For. Y. 'Hour of Music,' 6
16 Shai. Reel Club, Informal Dance
16 'Goldmarie und Pechmarie,' German A.D.C., Lyceum, 9
17 'Goldmarie und Pechmarie,' German A.D.C., Lyceum, 3
17 Shai Rowing Club Jubilee Dance
17 Heidelberg Christmas Prize Draw, 8
17 'The Mascot,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
18 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
18 Cathedral Carol Service, 6
18 'The Mascot,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
20 Second Advent Meeting, The Hut, 495 Yu Yuen Road, Dr. R. H. Glover, 8
20 For. Y. Lecture: 'Diet and Health,' 9
21 Cathedral Carol Service, 5.45
21 French A.D.C., 'Ruy Blas 38', Lyc., 9
21 19th Annual Hanuccah Ball, 9.30
22 Cathedral School for Boys, Speech Day, Masonic Hall at 5.30.
22 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
22 For. Y. Debate: 'Enslaved Women,' 9
23 Shai. Dialect Club, Foreign Y, 6
23 For. Y. 'Hour of Music,' 6
23 Gaul's Oratorio 'Holy City,' 250 voices. Conductor: Prof. Chao Mei-pa, Community Church, 8
24 Gaul's Oratorio 'Holy City,' 250 voices, Community Church, 3
26 Charity Soccer Match, Canidrome, Kick-off 2.45
27 For. Y. Lecture: 'Nutritional Values,' 9
29 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
29 Rummage Sale, U.C. Hall, Limbless Fund
29 Royal Asiatic Society Meeting
29 7th Rover Ball, Masonic Hall, 9
29 For. Y. Debate: 'Pacifism and Warmakers,' 9
30 Shai. Dialect Club, Foreign Y, 6

JANUARY, 1939

12 Le Ballet Russe, Grand Premiere of Tschaikowsky's ballet: 'Le Lac des Cygnes' (The Enchanted Lake), Lyceum Theatre, 9
14 Ballet Russe, 'Lac des Cygnes,' Lyc., 9

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from December 15 to December 21, 1938, both days inclusive.

Shareholders are requested to notify the General Managers promptly of any change of address that may have taken place since the last dividend or preferably to supply the General Managers with the address of their Bankers to whom dividend Warrants will be sent direct.

Dividend Warrants for Chinese Shareholders will be retained in our office and may be had on application at any time during ordinary office hours.

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Shareholders are requested to notify the General Managers promptly of any change of address that may have taken place since the last dividend or preferably to supply the General Managers with the address of their Bankers to who Dividend Warrants will be sent direct.

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Shareholders intending to ask questions in regard to the Accounts or other matters are requested to give notice of such intention at least 48 hours before the Meeting.

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Hat Snatching:

What Can Be Done?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It was with a detached condolence that I read the many complaints put to you by gentlemen who had been lately dispossessed of their head-dresses in crowded buses and tram cars. It was even faintly amusing. Today the detached condolence has gone. And it is no longer amusing in any degree. The fact is that I have gone through the same experience myself.

Daily I travel by the No. 22 French bus, and daily I alight at the office and near my doorstep with my wardrobe slightly the worse for direct and constant contact with the masses, but complete in every detail. So that when on Saturday, at 5.30 p.m., at the Kiangse Road-Avenue Edward VII bus-stop I received a blow on my head that knocked off my hat and glasses, I put it to an unfortunate accident. I was annoyed, of course, but not nearly as much as when, finally groping on to my glasses. I put them on and discovered that the hat had gone. And it hadn't gone with the wind, either. Someone had deliberately made away with it. The faces around me were all stolidly innocent, and I decided that whoever had stolen my hat—for it was plainly a case of assault and robbery—had dashed out of the bus. I dashed out of the bus too, and looked frantically around for the culprit. The only things to meet my gaze were (a) the traffic, (b) a lone traffic policeman. I rushed to exhibit B and carefully explained my experience, but that worthy looked down at me with blase unconcern and turned on the green light. Plainly I was boring him. Apparently these hat-experiences were becoming quite the usual thing in his district. When I finally did coax him into speech, it was something to the effect of "Phosieta", which I with my rudimentary knowledge of Chinese gathered to mean "Well, what can I do about it?" When I dismally turned to board my bus I found that even this had gone—with the culprit probably in it.

I am writing this only because apparently I am not alone, and because, if we are not careful, the company I keep may assume larger and larger proportions. Apparently a gang is at work, bent on starting a hat-store in which they mean to sell us back our own hats. Which is not very funny, and may become tragic if the French police authorities take the same attitude as the traffic policeman personifying them, and say "What can we do about it?" As a matter of fact that is precisely what I'd like to know.

BAREHEADED.

Shanghai, Dec. 13.

Munich Pact:

What Was It For?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Several contributions have been made to these columns with regard to the British Government's policy in connection with the recent crisis. Some of your correspondents have supported the policy as pursued by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, and I have no intention to enter into controversy with them. My purpose is to deal with the effects of the Munich Agreement from my point of view.

Recent events have pointed in the direction described as the "Much Capitulation" to which can be attributed the visit paid by the South African National Defence Minister, Mr. Oswald Pirow, to several capitals of Europe, and the consolidation of the Americas to combat the German and Italian propaganda efforts and economic penetration in Latin America. Mr. Pirow's prediction upon his return to London is public knowledge and it will be superfluous to comment thereanent.

In England the rearmament plan is pushed with full force and a substantial amount of money is expended for defence purposes: in France, Mr. Daladier has described the attempted General Strike as a political manœuvre. The persecution of the Jews in Germany and the demand for colonies as well as the demonstrations in the Italian Chamber with regard to French possessions in the Mediterranean, may also be described as natural developments of the Munich Agreement.

Turning to Far Eastern affairs, the Japanese did not invade South China until the Conference at Munich was settled, in spite of the fact that Lord Halifax stated on July 27, that the British Government has the right to protect British interests. The Yangtze still remains closed to third parties and the protest lodged by France, Great Britain and the United States seems to have fallen on deaf ears and will remain unheeded until such time it pleases the Japanese Government, although the British Ambassador has produced further evidence that there is a steadily increasing and regular trade developed by the Japanese. The repercussions in the various parts of the world were probably foreseen by Mr. Chamberlain, the question arises then, why did he not meet the situation with a determined stand? It is difficult to be convinced that Great Britain, with the promised support of the British Dominions, the Indian Princes with all their armies and resources, in conjunction with France, Russia and Czechoslovakia, could not wage battle with the totalitarian states and triumph. Indeed war is an outrage and it is furthermost from my mind to propagate a war psychosis; but if Fascism advocates war, are the democratic nations to withdraw gracefully and subject their appeasement policy to be misinterpreted as weakness, and thereby whet Germany's appetite for expansion at the expense of smaller nations?

It may be contended that Mr. Chamberlain permitted Germany to absorb part of Czechoslovakia on humanitarian grounds—that he wished to spare the women and children and the civilian population of London the horrors of war. To that it may be replied that London is not England—a great majority of non-combatants could be evacuated to other districts before war is declared. Besides, Herr Hitler was certainly aware that retaliatory measures could be adopted on the civilian population of Berlin.

What, then, was Mr. Chamberlain's motive? I wish to hazard the opinion that it was for the protection of capitalism.

RANK & FILE.

Shanghai, Dec. 13.

What is Stalin?

Jew or Aryan?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I will be very much obliged to you if you will through the columns of your esteemed paper clarify an argument between a friend and myself as to whether Stalin (Russia's Dictator) is a Jew or an Aryan.

CURIOUS.

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

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BUTCHER'S MEAT

Beef	25-45	Pork	30-40
Veal	40-1.00	Mutton	25-50

FISH

Eel	35		
Mackerel	30-35	Shrimps	50
Prawns, each	8	Carp	40
White bait	30	Mandarin	30-40
Yellow fish	20-25	Salmon	30-35
Soles	25-30	Cod	25-30
Cuttle Fish	14	Pomfret	35-40

POULTRY GAME AND EGGS

		Teal ea.	30
		Wild duck ea.	95
Pigeon	30	Fowl	65
Duck eggs	48	Turkey	55
Duck, each	1.50-2.00	Woodcock	55
Rabbits lb.	60	Goose ea.	3.00
Chicken eggs	48-84	Wild pigeons	25
Chicken (young)	55	Rice bird 10pcs.	30
		Pheasant	1.90

VEGETABLES

Onions (Canadian)	20	New Potatoes	15
B'boo shoots	30	Mushrooms	70-1.40
Beans, French	30	Horse radish	15
Beetroot	14	Leeks, bunch	8
Big marrow	8	Young Carrots	6
Cucumber	20	Lettuce	20
Celery bunch	6	Onions Amer.	22
Cabbage	14	Onions, spr.	8
Carrots	12		
Chillies	20	Potatoes	8
Egg-plant	40	Patatoes Sweet	6
Endive, each	20	Spinach	10
Garlic	15	Tomatoes	30
Ginger	15	Turnips	10
Radish	3		

FRUIT

Amoy pomelo	30-35	Siam pumelo	30-35
Mandarin Or.	12-15	Chestnuts	20
Grape Fruit ea.	40	Pine Apple each	9
Canton orange	10-15	Chinese	
Lemon ea.	20	Apples	20-25
Bananas	10	Wenchow	
U.S. Oranges d.	1.20	Oranges	10

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U.S.	9.75	Rice 220lb	14.60
Ch. Flour 50lb.	4.48	Saigon Rice	15.00

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Grade 'B'	20-25	cents per pint.

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Firewood 15 small Bundles	$1.00
Charcoal (per 35 lb. Basket)	2.00

Mrs. A. Bookless, who writes from Dalkeith, Scotland, has been lecturing on Szechuen at the invitation of the Overseas League in Edinburgh, illustrating her addresses with her own "movie" pictures. She reports great interest in, but much ignorance of, China and war conditions here.

British Peer Thanked

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

A cablegram expressing appreciation for the speech of Lord Barnby in the House of Lords on December 6 on Anglo-Japanese relations concerning the China hostilities was sent to the British Peer today by the Japanese Economic Federation.—Domei.

In the Russian Colony

BY "STROY"

Christmas and the New Year are fast approaching. As all Russian holidays are celebrated with great gastronomical gusto, a special table groaning under food spread in tempting abundance awaits all guests that, by custom, visit a household on New Year's Day and on the first day of Christmas. (The same table is laid out in similar fashion on Easter). The host or hostess receives them around the table or even at the table itself. Wines and the inevitable vodkas occupy, by time-honoured tradition, a table of their own. As Christmas is the season for fish, salted and smoked salmon and sturgeon, sardines and anchovies, stand in imposing array around the iced black caviar, both fresh and tinned. In close attendance are ham, legs of lamb and mutton, the latter spiced with garlic, geese, fried and smoked ducks, pheasants, partridges, boiled and fried pork, smoked tongue, stuffed chicken, all forms of sausage and salads, and so on. So that after visiting two or three of these hospitable homesteads on New Year's Day, one has eaten enough to last for the whole of the following week.

Epicureanism

Thousands of books have been written on Russian epicureanism. No famous writer, whether French, German, or English, who visited Russia ever failed to describe Russian meals—meals that lasted for hours on end and took on the form of pompous and tradition-filled messes. All that has been wiped out by the Revolution. But even representatives of the new regime often astound diplomats and politicians of Paris, London and even Berlin with lavish receptions in which caviar from the sturgeon of the White Sea and champagne from Crimea play a liberal part. When the famous French writer Alexandre Dumas first tasted sturgeon with horse-radish while staying with the Narishkins in Russia, he found it so much to his liking that he immediately got himself a Russian chef and took him back to France. For all that, however, he evinced no admiration for the famous Russian cabbage soup "schi", held that the word "schi" was really Chinese and wrote home to his friends informing that "this soup made out of cabbage is in need of sweeping reforms, which I am thinking of undertaking myself." Unfortunately his death prevented him from reforming this soup, and Russians today continue to take delight in it, both in Russia and abroad.

An Imperial Menu

Emperor Alexander III confessed a weakness for cutlets from wood—hen. He was interested in gastronomy in general, and always prepared the menu for official dinners himself. One of these Imperial menus which was conserved for posterity in Paris contains a dish that today can be imagined only with effort—a sort of pudding made from the gramille fish which are known for their tenderness and aroma (timbale de l'ershis).

Wines occupy an important place in Russian gastronomy. One of the best-loved beverages was sherry, which was taken not only with soup but with practically every course of the meal. But then it must be said that not all the inimitabilities of Russian gastronomy were embraced by foreigners. Armand Silvêstre, for instance, is responsible for a forthright denunciation of the fish soup—"ukha". He wrote: "The "ukha' is the favourite soup of the Russians. Into this fish soup they put not saffron but fennel. They eat it with salted cucumbers, but cautiously. This is really a terrifying dish. You open your mouth, pour sour water down your throat—and swallow it only out of politeness."

The Day of St. George

With special pomp and circumstance military circles in the colony celebrated, on December 9, the Day of St. George—the patron of the order that was in Russia given only for acts of conspicuous bravery performed on the battle field. Before the Revolution there were two forms of this order—one for officers, the other for soldiers. The soldiers' medal, which had five classes, took the shape of a simple but distinctive silver—and, in the highest class, gold—cross; and was suspended on a special black-and-orange ribbon. The officers' cross, which was white-enamelled and showed St. George vanquishing the dragon, had four classes; but whatever the class, the man who received it also received a title of nobility that could be handed down in his family. It was given only on the recommendation of a special Council made up of Cavaliers of this order. Few were the officers who had the St. George's Cross of the third class, and those who in the history of the Imperial Army and Navy received the second and first classes were known by everyone as heroes among heroes.

There were only eight orders in the Russian Empire, and the *grossmeister* of them all was the Tsar. Annually, on December 9, a prayer service is held in the St. Nicholas military church in Shanghai, and is followed by a dinner in the Ex-Officer's Club attended not only by the Cavaliers of the Order of St. George but by all ex-officers of the Imperial Army and Navy, whose numbers in Shanghai are considerable. Coinciding with this date are the holidays of the graduates of the Irkutsk Military School and of the former officers of the First Siberian Rifles, known as His Majesty's Own; and these celebrants also participated in the banquet at the Ex-Officers' Club.

New Russian Theatre

As from January 1, 1939, the Russian colony will have special premises for its theatre. These premises, which are being built on the initiative of the Board of Directors of the Russian Club on Avenue Foch, will house 600 people and boast a well-equipped stage. The work is scheduled to be completed by December 25, and it is expected that the New Year will be met in the new auditorium. The Theatrical Sub-Committee of the Russian Club is headed by Col. E. A. Fedoroff, and experienced amateur actor and producer. The first play to be shown in this new theatre will be one of the classcial works of Ostrovsky. The premises will also be used for concerts and lectures, a programme of which has already been drawn up, and it is expected that performances will be usually followed by dances.

Archbishop Nestor of Kamchatka, one of the most popular hierarchs of the Orthodox Church in the whole of the Russian emigration, will on December 12, leave Shanghai for Harbin. The Archbishop will stay in that city until spring, and will then leave for permanent residence in Ceylon, directing missionary work on that island, in India and in Syria.

Commercial College

Headed by Mr. B. I. Eltekoff, the Russian Commercial College is an educational institution that has been in existence here for the last three years. In addition to preparing students for accountancy and book-keeping, the college has courses in the Chinese language, for Russians and courses in the Russian language for Chinese. An ever-increasing interest in the Russian language is at present being witnessed among the Chinese intelligentzia, and the majority of Chinese taking these courses in the Commercial College are lawyers or bank-employees. Supplementing special subjects, lectures on commercial law are given by Mr. A. J. Slobodchikoff, the well-known barrister-at-law, and lectures on the elementary knowledge of China and Japan have for the last three years been read by Mr. L. V. Arnoldov. It is interesting to note that several subjects are taught in the English language, and that the College has a society of Russian accountants who undertake the inspection of commercial books.

A well-attended reception for Russian business-men was given last week by the Chairman of the Russian Chamber of Commerce, Mr. B. I. Dukin. This institution never ceases its work, which is of great importance to Russian traders and local Russian industrial activities in general. As one example, papers of recommendation given by the Russian Chamber of Commerce enabled many Russians to get visas and other documents from various Consulates. As another, an Arbitrary Court not only settled problems among Russians, but often enters into disputes between a Russian business-man and a foreign firm, even if that firm is as far away as in Europe or America.

Share in Development

That in the economic development of China that will come after the conclusion of the present war Russian emigrés will find a place that will prove to be far from last, was the view expressed to the "Shanghai Zaria" by Mr. Charles Metzler, Chairman of the Emigrants' Committee. The history of this great city, Mr. Metzler said, proves that the energy and initiative of Russians have enabled them to take a number of leading positions in its life; and it is certain that Russians willing to engage in peaceful and honest work without meddling in matters which are none of their concern will undoubtedly be rewarded with material well-being and the general recognition of their role in the development and prosperity of Shanghai.

The Theatrical Silver Jubilee of Mme. L. Kniajevitch, one of the most popular Russian actresses in the Far East, drew a full house to the Russian Theatre on Saturday evening. The play chosen was Goncharov's classic—"The Abyss;" and Mme. Kniajevitch, looking like a girl in her teens, played the famous role of Vera with consummate artistry. The celebrant was made the recipient of many presents and flowers, and after the fourth act speeches telling of her long career—a career already flowering out before the Revolution—were given by members of the special Jubilee Committee. The play was acted with understanding and skill, and on the whole this was the most "gala" evening the Russian Theatre has had for some time.

Message from Grand Duke

Grand Duke Vladimir, the new Keeper of the Russian Throne, has addressed himself to Russians scattered all over the world, asking them to continue contributing to the Tsar's Chest, without which the present work cannot be carried on. Among people to whom special appreciation of their donations was given, is Col. N. Nicolaieff of Shanghai.

Recently returned from Europe, Bishop John last week visited the municipal Jail on Ward Road and held a lithurgy for its Russian inmates. It is an old Russian tradition for Bishops to visit prisons and have talks with the prisoners, and is meant to turn the latter on to the path of truth and to buoy up their spirit.

Returning a reception recently held in their honour, Russian teachers of the Ecole Remi gave a dinner in the Ex-Officers' Club for M. and Mme. Nicolet de Cholet. M. Nicolet de Cholet has spent many years in Russia teaching French in the Cadet Corps of Khabarovsk and of Nizhni-Novgorod on the Volga.

Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF DECEMBER 14, 1878

The Paris Exhibition:—It will be seen from the official list of awards at the Paris Exhibition that Messrs. Huntley & Palmer, biscuit manufacturers of Reading and London, have obtained the Grand Prize, the only one awarded to the biscuit trade. The honour it appears is further enhanced by the complimentary terms of the jurors' report, which was as follows:—"Unrivalled House, known throughout the world for its enormous production, and for the excellent quality of its manufacturers." Messrs. J. Moir & Son, the preserved provision merchants of London and Aberdeen, have, it appears, gained the highest Award obtainable at the Paris Exhibition, the Gold Medal. This enterprising firm appears to take great care that all their goods shall be of undoubted quality, as the following instance is sufficient to show. It appears that for several years the oranges from Seville have arrived in bad order—a large portion quite unfit for use. Under these circumstances Messrs. Moir & Son have opened a factory of their own at Seville, where in future their marmalade will be made from oranges fresh gathered from the gardens.

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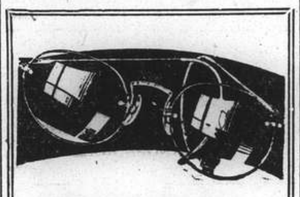

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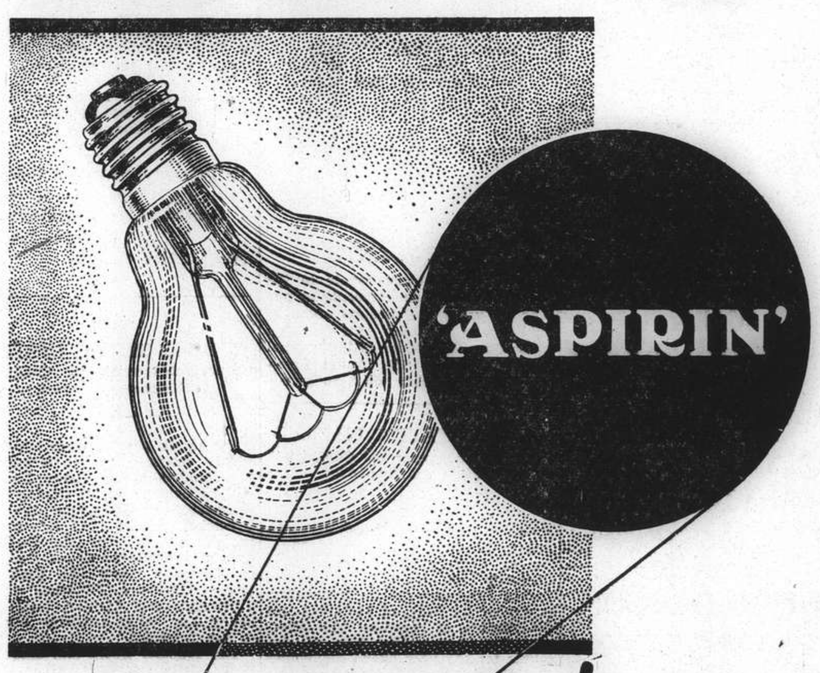

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Anglo-French Ministers in Paris

Anglo-French ministers who conferred in Paris for two days to map policies after the Munich agreement. Left to right: M. Georges Bonnet, French Foreign Minister; Lord Halifax, British Foreign Secretary; M. Edouard Daladier, French Prime Minister and Mr. Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister.

Yangtze to Remain Closed

Tokyo Spokesman States, Decision Entirely Rests With C.-in-C. of Japanese China Fleet

BY PERCY WHITEING

"N.C.D.N." Special Correspondent in Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 8.

IT is quite impossible to predict when the Yangtze River will be reopened to general commercial shipping, Capt. Ogawa stated at an interview with foreign news correspondents today at the Navy Ministry. He spoke on behalf of Rear-Admiral Kanazawa, navy spokesman.

The present passage down the Yangtze of foreign gunboats has nothing whatever to do with reopening the river to general traffic, he said, and the decision as to when to reopen the river is left entirely to the discretion of the commander-in-chief of the Japanese fleet in China waters. Instructions in this matter will not be sent from Tokyo, he added.

On previous occasions the navy spokesman has stated that it would be quite impracticable for the Japanese navy to spare the equipment and personnel necessary to preserve the safety of foreign commercial vessels if they were permitted to navigate on the Yangtze, while military operations are continuing, in view of dangerous conditions existing.

Captain Ogawa was carefully noncommittal when asked whether the navy would protect Japanese fishing boats in their operations off the Siberian coast if the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Arita, fails to get the Soviet Government to sign a new fisheries pact in place of the temporary agreement soon to expire.

He pointed out that the matter of a new agreement is now under negotiation between the Foreign Office and the Soviet Government, and it is impossible to say now what measures might be taken in case the negotiations fail. It would depend entirely on the government's decision what to do, so the navy alone is not in a position to say anything in anticipation of the failure of the negotiations.

This question of the Siberian fisheries, basic rights to which Japan holds under the Portsmouth Treaty, is a perennial source of friction between Japan and Russia. The Japanese navy could, of course, with complete ease protect the fishing boats in doing anything they pleased in Siberian waters. But such a step would certainly cause great disorder in the relations between Japan and Russia, shakily balanced as they are even at all times, and might well cause outright war.

Desirous of Avoiding War

Though such action has been threatened on several occasions, it has not yet been taken, because, as was shown in the Changkaofeng affair, Japan has so far been desirous of avoiding war with Russia. It is likely also that such drastic action will continue not to be taken until Japan has set in order her affairs in China. Some observers expect this fisheries question will be the immediate cause, eventually, of the next Russo-Japanese war, which most well-informed people agree is inevitable, the only question being, when. There are plenty of other things, however, which could bring on the explosion.

It will be recalled that Mr. Arita had to leave office when the Imperial Diet forced the resignation, nearly two years ago, of the Hirota cabinet, in which Mr. Arita was Minister for Foreign Affairs. The conduct of foreign affairs was one of the causes of the Diet's dissatisfaction with Mr. Hirota's government. Mr. Arita had negotiated a new fisheries agreement with Russia, but before the latter had finally ratified it, which it was about to do, Mr. Arita revealed in confidence to the Soviet Ambassador in Tokyo, it was alleged, the impending conclusion of the Japan-German anti-Comintern pact.

The Ambassador, Mr. Yurenev, promptly informed this to his Government, which at once refused to have anything more to do with the agreement. This was toward the end of 1936. The affair caused Mr. Arita to be bitterly criticized in the Diet. The full truth about the whole matter has never been made public, and many people think Mr. Arita was treated very unjustly. Anyway, the highest quarters repose full confidence in Mr. Arita as he is now in office again, and trying hard to get the Soviet Government to sign a fresh fisheries agreement.

Munitions for China

To resume with Capt. Ogawa, he made a renewed charge that large quantities of foreign munitions of war are still going to the Chinese nationalists via French Indo-China. He said the Japanese navy has definite knowledge that heavy shipments of munitions are being moved through Indo-China, from Hongkong and Pakhoi.

"We have learnt from many sources," he said, "that the Chinese have entreated the French authorities to help them and to permit the transit of munitions to them through French territory. This the French seem to be doing, and we fear the quantity of such shipments is increasing. We are extremely dissatisfied with this state of affairs. It is a matter of grave concern to us that after the fall of Canton, French Indo-China has become the main artery for the supply of foreign munitions of war to the Chinese."

Capt. Ogawa gave the main routes of this traffic as follow: from Hanoi to Yunnan, from Hanoi to Lonchu in Kwangsi, from Tienyeng to Lonchu, and by Chinese junks from Haiphong to Tunghing. "The volume of this traffic is growing heavier, instead of ceasing as we had hoped, and we cannot too greatly regret that it is going through French territory," he said.

There may be some truth in the reports that the Chinese nationalists have ordered evacuation of the Pakhoi area, he added, though no definite information about it has been received, because presumably the Chinese want to hide the route by which the munitions are being carried in that area.

Amoy Conditions

Cmdr. Tadano, who has just returned from Amoy, where he was in service for a considerable time, said that the Chinese inhabitants are rapidly returning to that city because they have learnt that conditions there are quite safe under the Japanese naval authorities. He said that while only about 18,000 of the inhabitants remained in the city when the Japanese occupied it, they have now increased to about 70,000. The population formerly was about 170,000.

The naval landing force at Amoy, Cmdr. Tadano said, realized that one of the most important factors in restoring normal conditions there after the fighting was to enable the residents to return to their homes as soon as possible. Great efforts were accordingly made to secure peace and order, with the result that there has not been a single case of terrorism on the island. The inhabitants are content that they are able to carry on their business much as usual.

Relating some episodes, Cmdr. Tadano said that Amoy is the home of many thousands of Chinese merchants in southern countries, specially Malaysia. Quite recently a Japanese living in Singapore had his bicycle mended at a Chinese bicycle shop there, but the shopkeeper refused to make any charge because he said his family was living in security at Amoy under the auspices of the Japanese naval force, and he wanted to show his thanks. This was regarded as remarkable in view of the intense anti-Japanese feeling among the Chinese in Singapore.

Some Chinese merchants in Manila, he continued, had heard rumors that their families in Amoy were being badly treated by the Japanese and intended to try to get them over to Manila. But when they came to the vicinity of Amoy and learnt that conditions in the city were just the contrary, they were content to give up the idea and returned to Manila alone.

Unruly Formosans Barred

As another case, Cmdr. Tadano said the Formosans, (Japanese subjects) who were living in Amoy before the Japanese occupied it were badly treated by the Chinese there. So the people of Amoy feared that after the Japanese occupation these Formosans, under Japanese protection, would take revenge. On the contrary, however, the Japanese authorities prevented unruly Formosans from returning to Amoy, and some who were in the city and tried to make trouble were severely punished. This removed the fears of the Chinese.

London Letter

News and Notes from Home

Royal Rumanian Visit a Success; Comments on Penal Reform; Old Crocks and New Plays

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THE visit of King Carol and Crown Prince Michael of Rumania, has been a splendid success, the weather just as it should be, with a thick, but not too thick fog on the first day (secretly London is rather proud of its fogs and I remember a Chinese friend bitterly disappointed because he stayed here six weeks and never saw one) then grey and mild.

Against such a background King Carol's gleaming plumes and great white cloak with the huge cross on the left shoulder struck a brilliant note enhanced by the Crown Prince's grey-green uniform and beret beside him. Poor Prince Michael, at the age of seventeen to have to endure so much state ceremony.

It is said that when he saw the programme for the visit his face fell and he exclaimed "Why I shan't even have time to go and buy a packet of cigarettes." He had been particularly looking forward to seeing the London shops. But he understands discipline and has played his part in the show with a dignity becoming his remarkable good looks.

Criminal Justice Bill

Sir Samuel Hoare's new Criminal Justice Bill makes still further advances in the way of wiping out the unpleasantness of punishment. Flogging is to go, except for serious prison offences—an aftermath of the Mayfair jewel robbery, when three of the four young men who had committed a peculiarly brutal assault on an elderly jeweller, being sentenced to receive the "cat" were wept over by the "sob sisters" as if they and not their victim were the real martyrs.

The terms "convict" and "convict prisons" are to be abolished and Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum is henceforward to be known as the State Mental Hospital, a piece of sentimental idiocy which it would be hard to equal, as it is safe to say that the inmates, who are there for life, will probably know nothing and would care less what it is called. In addition, hard labour, penal servitude and the ticket of leave system are to be abolished. At this rate it will soon pay far better to be a criminal. I beg pardon, a problem mental case, than to remain poor but honest.

Juvenile Offenders

Numerous new provisions are devised for the treatment of juvenile offenders too complicated for description here, but generally on the lines already followed of removing from the offender's mind the dreadful thought that he has done anything wrong at all. You may imagine the shudder that ran through the court yesterday when an old-fashioned father, called to give evidence about his two daughters, a pair of incorrigible trollops, said that he had more than once gone looking for them round the West End with a rope's end and a firm resolve to use it on them. It remains to be said that the reforms proposed in Sir Samuel Hoare's Bill will cost the country £830,000.

How much do we really get for all the care and money laid out in the cause of penal reform. The report of the Prison Commissioner for 1937, published only the day before the Bill just mentioned, is illuminating. In connection with the Feltham Borstal Institution (I pass it every day on my way to London, a fine building surrounded by magnificent grounds) the report speaks of the abysmal depth of ignorance from which seven or eight years of State education has failed to rescue many of the lads.... Some cannot tell the time at all, or are very uncertain about anything except the hours. Many are unable to name more than two or three months in the year and even boggle at the seasons.... More than one lad had not the remotest idea of the year of grace in which he lived.

The constant struggle and ceaseless supervision required to prevent the lads from going to bed in most of their clothes and even their boots in order to save trouble in the morning, is a minor point, the inevitable result of home habits in early days. But what strikes one so forcibly is that Borstal was to be the cure par excellence for criminal proclivities, the infallible transmuter of potential lags into respectable citizens. If it fails so badly in simple matters of education, how will it succeed in the much more difficult field of morals? There is unfortunately much ground for fearing that it does not succeed at all.

Old Crocks Race

The day after tomorrow will be seen the race of the old crocks from London to Brighton which is one of the most enchanting events in the motor-racing calendar. Its official title is the Emancipation Day Run, to commemorate the year 1896 when the motor car was first allowed to proceed at more than 2 m.p.h. and without being preceded by a man with a red flag.

My own earliest experience of motoring was in France in 1901, in a Peugeot in which we sat back-to-back (as in the old fashioned dog-cart) on top of the engine. She got so hot on a hill that at the top we had to get off and let her cool down, as much for our comfort as for her's. On the flat with a favourable wind she could be pushed up to nearly 25 m.p.h. which seemed vertiginous. So it was. One of the cars in Sunday's race has a best speed of twelve.

The extraordinary thing is that more and more old crocks come out for this race every year. On Sunday there will be 121 starters, fifteen more than last year. The explanation is that the discovery of "vintage cars" (pre-1904 that is) has become a craze with some wealthy people. It is an expensive craze. A chassis may be found with part of the engine in a stable yard. Elsewhere the body is unearthed. Then comes a prolonged search for other necessary parts, some of which may have to be made specially.

The product has then to appear before a committee of pioneer motorists of the R.A.C. to be passed as a veteran. It is that certainly but in the same sense as the antique furniture, which is actually a skilful composite of a dozen old derelict pieces picked up at auction for a few shillings.

On the other hand, there are many genuine old cars of the 'nineties' and early 1900's, and some of them go remarkably well although they need careful driving and the occupants must be ready at any moment to jump out on a hill and "help her over." One curious thought presents itself: until the very recent introduction of synchromesh and pre-selective gears, gear-changing had remained substantially as it was when the old crocks went out in their gay youth and the price of their much-shining brass and candle lamps.

"Gentleman Unknown"

St. James's Theatre, once the high temple of gentlemanly comedy and George Alexander, yet nowadays more often empty than not, reopened last night with a play by A. A. Milne which will probably tempt the A.D.C. in due course. Its title "Gentleman Unknown" belongs to a young man of good family, no money and unbounded cheek who goes round the country selling silk stockings. Janet the daughter of a Devonshire general, falls madly in love with him and marries him. He bluffs a wealthy manufacturer into giving him a job and almost immediately falls into a low intrigue with the manufacturer's predatory niece. This naturally is a bad shock for the innocent Devonshire wife. But she adjusts herself quickly and skilfully to the situation, decides that what one critic calls "the unscrupulous licentious bounder" she has married is worth keeping, routs the predatory niece and does keep him. The principal characters give fine opportunities for interpretation and the play was very well received. But one may imagine the shades of the well-dressed matrons who frequented the St. James's 40 years ago, shivering horrifically.

George Bernard Shaw's latest play "Geneva" is to be produced in London next week. I have neither seen nor read it, but by all accounts it is nothing but oceans of talk. Yet the Malvern audience, who saw it first, ate it in spite of its length. Even thus it had been cut. Now G. B. S. has consented to cut it again for London to a mere three hours. He must be mellowing strangely with advancing years.

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DEATHS

HARRISON.—On December 10, 1938, at Wei Hai Wei, ERNEST NORCOTT HARRISON, at the age of 53. Late of the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co., Ltd. 12997

HANSEN.—On Tuesday, December 13, 1938, at the St. Marie Hospital, Shanghai, RASMUS PEDER HANSEN, aged 72 years, late of the Chinese Maritime Customs. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's Church on Avenue Dubail, tomorrow, Thursday, December 15, at 9.15 a.m., to be followed by interment at the Bubbling Well Cemetery, at 4 p.m.

IN MEMORIAMS

In loving memory of MARY ANN NEWMAN, beloved mother of Jessie, Dolly and Mary-Lou. -6555

HAMAMDJIAN.—A Requiem High Mass in memory of the late Mrs. A. HAMAMDJIAN will be held at St. Pierre's Church, Avenue Dubail, tomorrow, Thursday, December 15, 1938, at 8.30 a.m.

IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

"BREAD"

"Lord, open the King of England's eyes!" cried William Tindale as he went to the stake at Vilvorde on October 6, 1536. The prayer was answered with striking rapidity, for two years later Henry VIII caused "one boke of the whole Bible of the largest volume" to be set up in every parish church in the land. England had secured free and untrammelled access to the Scriptures, and for the next 400 years, with the exception of the brief period of Mary's reign, continued to have it, and has it now. It is one of the pleasant duties of the year to welcome the popular report of the British and Foreign Bible Society. This year with the brief title "Bread" the work appears again to cover the activities of the Society, and to show how the Bible is being spread unto all lands, and of the wonderful results which accrue from its dissemination. It does not matter what may be the individual opinion of the Bible and what it stands for, or whether its widespread use is a good or bad thing; there cannot be the slightest doubt that it is one of the most potent influences even now operating in the world. The report shows that its message is still gladly welcomed, that faith is either being instilled or renewed, and that it is having a profound effect upon an increasingly large number of lives. Hundreds of millions of copies of the Scriptures have been distributed in every quarter of the globe, and still the great work continues. During the twelve months covered by the report twelve new versions in as many languages have been added to the long list which has already been prepared. St. Mark has been translated into seven different tongues, St. Luke into three and St. John into two, and yet the Gospel presented to twelve different tribes in twelve different forms of speech has been allowed to lose nothing of its merit. Truly a wonderful piece of work to add to the formidable structure of energy which has been created during the years of the Society's history. From the Eskimos in Greenland to the Worora tribe in Australia the Bible, or part of it, is available to mankind in the language which he uses, testimony not only to the industry of those responsible for the work, but also to the faith which inspires them.

This huge undertaking goes back to that day in 1538 when the large tomes were set up in the parish churches. The report quotes "Alan Breck's" version of what he thinks must have happened in those days when the Book arrived in an English village:—

> Then came a real sensation that set the village all agog with excitement, for a messenger arrived with one of the new-fangled printed books, and had delivered it to the parson. Right up to the Sunday the village buzzed with talk. The book was this. It was that. It was only lent for exhibition. It was in Latin. It was in English. Everyone chattered, and slowly the rumour gained ground that the strange book was a Bible, God's word, and that it was in English and was to belong to the village, to be actually in the church for anyone to read. Not that anyone could read, for it was unlikely that the squire's son, who had been to Oxford and knew nearly as much as the parson, would read the new book to the villagers.
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> The church was packed on Sunday, and when the time for the notices came in the mass, the silence was as deep as though it had been the very consecration. So the book was for the village after all and it was the Bible in English, and the parson had to still the hum of conversation that threatened to bring the service to an end. Then, when the mass was over, someone bolder than the rest actually stood up and begged the parson to read to them. Not that they had never heard any of the Bible in their own speech, but they understood that this was the whole Bible, and perhaps he would read something that they had never heard—Noah and the flood, perhaps, that hitherto they had only known through the plays. So he read, and day after day people gathered to hear him, or the squire's son, who, after all, was interested and willing to help, and the village stepped into a new world.

A long fight had ended and those who insisted that the Word should be made accessible to all, after centuries of suffering had won the day, and another foundation stone of British liberties had been laid.

The financial statement at the end of the report serves quickly to give some idea of the immensity of the work of spreading the knowledge of the Bible undertaken by this society alone. No less a sum than £385,348 is accounted for of which £215,160 went for translating and publishing the Scriptures including the cost of freight and insurance. There are other expenses involved in the distribution of the works amounting to something over £160,000, with but a small item of less than £6,000 for retiring allowances and grants to dependents. On the income side sales of the Scriptures amounted to £154,691 with an additional income of £2,212 from the sale of magazines and literature, while the rest of the money necessary for carrying on the work comes from subscriptions, contributions, receipts from special funds, legacies and dividends. On the year's working there was an excess of expenditure over income of £7,256. A comparison of the cost of translating and publishing, compared with the income derived from the sales of the products shows that this important work is being conducted at a loss, and a very substantial one at that, but there is no one who reads the whole of the report who would suggest for one moment that the carrying on of such a work, even if it be at a commercial loss, is unjustified. Against whatever financial losses there may be, and they seem to be adequately covered from other sources, must be placed the very definite spiritual gains which are thus given to the world at large, so great as to be incapable of translation into terms of money. There are other societies doing similar work, and when their activities are taken into account it is apparent that the Church is very militant upon earth, and that the Bible is still its best weapon for combatting the forces of ignorance and evil. It is to be hoped that this activity will continue to grow with the years, for if the Bible is good, and there can be few to gainsay that fact, then humanity cannot have too much of it, especially in times such as these.

Good Work Recognized

The large circle of friends which Major-General A.P.D. Telfer-Smollett has made in Shanghai during his term of office as Commander of the British Forces here, will rejoice to hear of the new appointment which he has received, as Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey and its dependencies, consisting of Alderney and Sark. The signal services, which he has been able to render the community during the troublous times through which it has passed and is still passing, are deeply appreciated by those who realize the enormous amount of work he has done, and the efficiency with which he has done it, and his departure from Shanghai will be attended with very real regret. The Channel Islands are the only portions of the Dukedom of Normandy now belonging to the Crown of England, to which they have been attached since the Norman Conquest. They are administered according to their own laws and customs. Jersey has a separate existence, but, like it, Guernsey is administered by a Lieutenant-Governor and a Bailiff appointed by the Crown. The former has the right of veto on certain forms of legislation, and while he and the Crown officers may address the States Assembly neither he nor they are entitled to vote. By a law passed in 1910 the approval of the Lieutenant Governor and the Royal Court of the Island is required previous to the acquisition, of leasing or occupation of immovable property by aliens or alien companies. Guernsey despite its comparative smallness sends about 100,000 tons of granite, 29,000 tons of tomatoes, 1,300 tons of potatoes, 650 tons of fruit and 4,400 tons of flowers to the United Kingdom, while its registered shipping amounts to 33 vessels totalling 2,642 tons. Sir Havilland de Sausmarez, formerly Chief Judge of H. M. Supreme Court in China, was for a term Bailiff of Guernsey after his retirement. Major-General and Mrs. Telfer-Smollett will take with them, when they leave Shanghai for their new home, the best wishes of the many who have learned to like them so well.

The World's Aeroplanes

Janes, the superb diplomat in dealing with such highly controversial topics as fighting ships, displays this quality to an admirable degree in the 1939 edition of "All the World's Aircraft." According to the cabled digest of this valuable reference book, honours are equally apportioned between Great Britain, Italy and the United States in those classes of machines which are most often used to illustrate in a general way the claims to be fastest. Britan has the fastest fighting planes, Italy the fastest bombers and the United States both bombers and pursuit planes among the world's fastest. While national rivalries are thus nicely balanced in the sphere of comparative performances, the summary does reflect the particular trends of development dictated by the geographical and tactical necessities of the different countries whose building programmes are sufficiently well known to form an opinion. The concentration on speed is no mania based on record-breaking although the British Supermarine Spitfire, with a speed of more than 350 miles an hour and the Italian Breda 88, a bomber with an average speed of 321 miles an hour, show the vast improvements made in recent years. In Europe distances between capitals may now be measured in minutes, not hours, and the admission that British aeroplane spotting stations are unable to give more than five minutes' warning of the approach of enemy aircraft to the coast, and another five minutes to most points inland is an indication of the conditions which must be faced in these days of colossal speeds. Recently, the United States principally, has been developing huge bombing craft carrying crews of several men and capable of operating over an extremely wide range in keeping with her own particular aircraft needs, but the reference to fast bombers and pursuit planes points to a modification of former ideas and the development of medium bombers of greater speeds in view of new possibilities envisaged by her defence plans. Three thousand miles separate the United States from Europe and potential enemies, but developments across the South Atlantic and political considerations which engendered the Pan-American Conference at Lima must tend to minimize the apparent security lying in this distance. It is interesting to note that aeroplane design is increasing rapidly, probably spurred by war necessities, for five nations produced nearly 200 new types during the present year.

A COUNTRY DIARY

December 11.—Went out into the Hungjao country this morning to see a paper-hunt and am grateful to the organizers of that event for at least two reasons: first, because it was an eye-opener to see that the impoverished survivors of a war-torn area could gather together in great numbers and laugh as heartily as ever at the sight of a few large gentlemen falling off small ponies: second, because a walk through the country after the hunt gave me a sight of a winter flock of Plovers. Technically I should refer to a "dopping of Plover," but I have known the birds so long I feel I can take liberties with them. These magnificent birds with their crested heads have indeed a great deal to be proud of, and their scientific name proves the purity of their descent: they are precisely the same bird from Ireland to Japan and their family name is *Vanellus vanellus*: the French refer to the bird as *Vanneau*....which merely proves that the first keen observer who saw one proceeding through the air with graceful fan-like strokes of its rounded wings gave it a name which nobody can argue about. Countrymen in various parts of the world have of course given these Green Plovers other familiar names such as "Lapwing," "Peewit" (from their call) or even "pees-weep" in the north of England. And the thought which came to me this morning as I tramped the dusty country was this: why are "ologists" laughed at because they repeat names when wishing to define a definite species such as *Vanellus vanellus*....or, worst case of all, refer to a common Hawfinch as "*Coccothraustes coccothraustes coccothraustes?*" Is it not precisely the same thing when my Scottish friends refer to a "Colquhoun of Colquhoun," or a "Wemyss of that ilk?" Or isn't it? Anyway, I enjoyed the hunt....and the Peewits.

IN PARENTHESIS

Nature's Gentleman

A MASSACHUSETTS business man (says a news item) rewarded a tramp, who had found and returned to him his pocket-book containing $14,000, with a hearty handshake. Well, he wasn't a snob, anyway.

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One on Cotton

WHEN Henry Cotton was motoring to one of the Surrey courses, to play in an exhibition match, he stopped to ask his way. He was given his direction and told 'You can't miss it. There's a big crowd. Henry Cotton's playing.'

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Short Hole

DARKNESS was falling, and one of the players had to be sent ahead to shout the direction of the pin.

Out of the blackness in front came a voice. 'Do you see the moon?'

'Aye,' came back the response.

'Well, that's the direction, but no' sae far.'

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Defined

"I WANT to see some combs," said the young lady.

"Certainly, madame," replied the assistant, and produced a case.

"Oh, no: I want a man's comb."

"Do you want a narrow man's comb?"

"No. I want one for a fat man with rubber teeth."

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Business

"I CANNOT understand," said the young man, "why you permit your daughter to sue me for breach of promise. You remember that you were bitterly opposed to our engagement, because you said I wasn't good enough for her and would disgrace your family."

"That, young man," said the girl's father, "was sentiment, and this is business."

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Responsibility

A SCREAM came from the garden. Mother rushed out to find her younger son crying bitterly.

"Tommy," she said to her elder son, "how dare you kick your little brother in the stomach?"

"It was his own fault," retorted the unrepentant Tommy. "He shouldn't have turned round."

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"Miserly"

AN American who had just returned to his home country after a holiday in Scotland was telling his friends about the "miserly" Scots.

"And would you believe it?" he said. "I went into a drug store to get a light for my cigar. The guy who owned the joint shoved a box of matches across the counter, and said, 'One penny, please.' He was so mean he wouldn't even give me a match—and I'll be darned if I didn't have to go all the way back to the hotel to get one."

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Water Cure

Two men had been celebrating and finally ended up at an hotel for the rest of the night—or rather, morning. After they had been asleep for an hour or two, one of them awakened to a commotion and looked out of the window to see an army of firemen fighting valiantly to save the hotel, which was blazing furiously. He threw open the window, and at that moment a powerful stream of water from a fireman's hose caught him flush in the face.

At this point the other man came to.

"What ish it?" he inquired.

"'Sno good," answered the other. "'Sonly water!"

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Superiority of Sex

So long as women scream, we men are, more or less, all right. There is no fear of our having to surrender our superiority to the gentler, weaker sex. For screaming women are womanly women; and I have just read two more accounts of their screaming in public.

It is when they scream no more—when, say, a general scrap on an ice-hockey rink simply draws one or two bored groans from the women onlookers—that men will have to look to their position.

It will show that women in the mass, in public, have begun to think for themselves, and see men as they really are.

But that time is not yet. We still have with us Tennyson's Edith—no mean screamer, I'll bet—who was "sweet," and "woman to her inmost heart, and woman to her tender feet."

It was very like a man, incidentally, not to have credited her with enough sense to buy shoes which fitted her.

—Showman in the "Daily Herald."

THE WEATHER

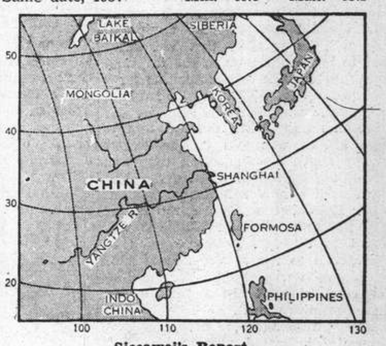
Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	44.5	Max.	55.5
Same date, 1937	Min.	46.0	Max.	64.0

Rainfall 1.06

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	Nil.	Max.	Nil.
Same date, 1937	Min.	40.6	Max.	65.3



Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 12th:—Anticyclone over Japan and Korea. Depression crossing Mongolia east-north-eastward. Low area over Kiangsi, moving east-north-eastward. Southerly to westerly winds around Shantung: north-easterly to south-easterly over our Coasts and the Eastern Sea. Overcast weather with rain or snow around Shantung: with mist or drizzle over our Coasts and to the south of the Saddles.

State on the morning of the 13th:—Overcast and colder weather with intermittent showers. West-north-westerly winds. Pressure rather low and rising.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine weather with variable winds over northern and central China. Overcast with rain or mist and rather cold weather, slowly improving tomorrow over our regions. Overcast with showers and rather fresh northerly to north-easterly monsoon along the Coast and at sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

TO THE KING'S DAUGHTERS SOCIETY

In memory of Miss J. M. Martin:—

Mrs. A. W. Meathrel	$ 5.00
Mrs. W. T. B. Terry	$ 5.00

TO MISSION TO SEAMEN

In memory of Miss Jean Martin:—

Mrs. W. T. B. Terry	$ 5.00

TO THE LIMBLESS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS FUND

Mrs. H. B. Harber	$ 5.00
A grateful friend	$10.00

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Mr. and Mrs. William H. Chamberlin	$50.00

U.S., Britain Consider Economic Reprisals

Measures to Counter Japanese Restrictions On Foreign Trade in China Canvassed in Press; Questions Asked in Commons

London, Dec. 13.

ECONOMIC reprisals against Japan for freezing out of foreign trade interests from China are being seriously considered in London and Washington, says the Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Daily Herald" today. Reports from the Ambassadors of both countries in China, he adds, have indicated for some time that Japan is deliberately destroying all foreign trade competition.

For some time, declares the correspondent, experts of the United States Department of Commerce and the Board of Trade in London have been studying what retaliatory measures could be taken. Their investigations, he continues, are now so advanced that Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, United States Ambassador to Britain, and Mr. Nelson Johnson, United States Ambassador to China, have been recalled for consultation.

It is significant, too, he says, that Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador to the United States, has arrived in London from New York "on holiday."

One step envisaged in American circles, states the correspondent, is to deprive Japan of her benefits under the most-favoured-nation clause.

Were such a step to be taken, he proceeds, the British Government would almost certainly follow suit.

Exclusion on Duties

He adds that President Roosevelt also has the power, if discrimination against the importation or sale of American goods is proved, to exclude "any or all articles" from the offending country.

It is doubtful, the correspondent declares, whether such drastic steps are yet contemplated, but the question of increasing duties on Japanese imports has been closely studied.

Any action of this nature, he continues, would be a serious blow to Japan, for the British Empire and the United States are her principal customers, absorbing roughly fifty per cent. of her exports.

However, concludes the correspondent, retaliation of this sort is calculated to lead to counter-reprisals, and it is for this reason that the most pains-taking study of the question is being made before any decision is reached.

Question on Tsingtao Incident

When asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether he was aware that a British ship, laden with cotton yarn, had been refused an unloading permit by the Japanese authorities in Tsingtao, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said he had not received a report of this particular case.

However, he added, further representations on the general question of discrimination against British interests in North China ports had been made to Tokyo on December 1.

Mr. Ian Campbell Hannah, National Conservative member for the Bilston division of Wolverhampton, asked whether Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, had considered the cable from the Chairman of British Associated Committee in Tientsin of November 16, in which specific attention was directed to the pressure exerted by the Japanese to secure control of Chinese silver reserves and whether he was aware that a part of these silver reserves were deposited with British banks.

"Yes," Mr. Butler replied, "but so far as Lord Halifax, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, was aware, no silver had been deposited in British banks."

Britain Stands By Treaties

The British Government has made clear to the Japanese Government that its attitude is governed by the Washington treaties and other international agreements, to which it is party, and that it cannot recognize any alternation in the position as defined by those treaties brought about by unilateral action.

This reply was made by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday when he was asked what action was proposed to set at rest the wide-spread fears of the British community in Shanghai that the Japanese Government was deliberately planning to close the Open Door to China.

When asked concerning the question of mutilation of cables, Mr. Butler said that Lord Halifax, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, had not received any reports of interference with British commercial cables in Tientsin.—Reuter.

Washington Told of Talks

Washington, Dec. 12.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State filling the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull's duties in the latter's absence, revealed today that he had received a report from the U.S. Ambassador to Tokyo, Mr. Joseph C. Grew, upon his conversations with the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, but he refused to make any comments whatsoever.—Havas.

New Crisis Feared

London, Dec. 13.

While official quarters here refused to make any statement regarding the conversation which the British Ambassador in Tokyo, Sir Robert Craigie, had with the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, the "Daily Mail" as well as the "News-Chronicle" fear that a new crisis in the relations between Britain and the United States on one hand and Japan on the other is imminent in view of the systematic Japanese endeavours for the elimination of British and American firms from the Chinese trade.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett declares in the "News-Chronicle" that the Japanese attitude has caused considerable resentment in Britain, and this resentment is rapidly growing. The endeavours for the introduction of preferential tariffs for Japanese and Manchurian products imported into China might not constitute an actual violation of the treaties, but they were bound to affect the interests of the other countries. No one would be surprised therefore if an acute crisis would arise early next year.—Trans-Ocean.

Nine Power Treaty Stands

London, Dec. 13.

Reuter understands that the recent conversations between Mr. Hachiro Arita, the Japanese Foreign Minister, and Sir Robert Craigie, the British

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Open Door Bound With Integrity

China National Existence Essential to Foreign Trading Interests

Chungking, Dec. 13.

"The principle of the Open Door is inseparable from China's integrity, and complete independence," states Mr. Li Ti-tsu, Director of the Publicity and Intelligence Department of the Chinese Foreign Office, in a special article appearing in this morning's "Ta Kung Pao."

"Only in an independent China," the article goes on to state, "will the Open Door be possible."

Mr. Li regrets the fact that the American Note of October 6, and also Lord Plymouth's statement in the House of Lords on December 7, "though being weighty indictments of Japan's discrimination against the Powers' interests in China, failed to stress the basic condition and principles of the Open Door, which are the complete independence of China."

Mr. Li, who is the recognized spokesman of the Chinese Foreign Office, refutes the Japanese contention that Japan's conquest of China will not affect the Powers' interests.

He points out that "Seven years of Japanese occupation in Manchuria have proved conclusively that there is no possibility of trade expansion by Third Powers in the area under Japanese occupation."

China Will Not Close Door

Mr. Li goes on to emphasize that a "strong and independent China will not result in a closed door in China, since she must rely on foreign capital, machinery and technical assistance for her economic development.

"Therefore," he declares, "the closing of the door by China is neither necessary, nor possible."

After discussing in detail the historical evolution of the Open Door doctrine, Mr. Li continues by stating that the maintenance of China's independence and integrity implied the Open Door concept.

He further points out that, in the treaties concluded since 1900, the preservation of the principle of the Open Door, and the maintenance of China's integrity, have always been mentioned together, the latter being a necessary prerequisite of the former.

In conclusion, Mr. Li urges the Powers to apply immediate and effective measures to curb Japan's aggression, so as to maintain the sanctity of their treaty obligations, preserve conditions of peace in the Pacific area, and protect their rights and interests in China.—Reuter.

Trade "Good-Will" Pact For World Urged

M. van Zeeland Urges Appeasement Scheme

New York, Dec. 12.

Realization of an international economic "good-will" agreement would be the only way to maintain permanent peace in the world, M. Paul Van Zeeland, former Belgian Premier, stated in a speech at the Economic Club today.

His economic programme consisted of five points:

1. Lowering of customs tariffs.
2. Elimination of certain industrial quotas.
3. Extension of the tripartite monetary agreement.
4. Extension of Short-term credit facilities.
5. An agreement on international debts and on payment of arrears.

M. Van Zeeland added that the accord must contain a "good-will" clause "which would be of considerable importance owing to its indirect repercussions of great psychological value."—Havas.

Marshal Bluecher Wins M. Stalin's Faith

Polish Press Reports of Favourable Reception

Warsaw, Dec. 13.

According to a Moscow despatch to the Polish newspaper "Krakauer Kurier," Marshal Vasilii Bluecher, whose mysterious disappearance from his post as Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Far Eastern Army, gave rise to all kinds of rumours, had a lengthy talk with M. Stalin during which he succeeded in convincing him of his innocence by disproving all charges made against him by the former chief of the Secret Police, Yezhov.

Immediately after the interview in the Kremlin, Marshal Bluecher called at the offices of the War Commissariate where he was received by Marshal Klementii Voroshiloff.—Trans-Ocean.

Czech Financial Mission Arriving in London

London, Dec. 13.

The Czechoslovak Financial mission will arrive here on Wednesday, and will confer with several members of the British Government regarding the extension of £10,000,000 credits for the "reconstruction" of Czechoslovakia. Well-informed circles here expect the delegates to demand credits up to £30,000,000.—Havas.

Soviet-Japan Tension Grows; Tokyo Angered

Gaimusho Objects to Soviet Proposals on Fishery Rights Pact

Tokyo, Dec. 13.

Tension over Soviet-Japanese fishery relations continued undiminished today as the Foreign Office accused the Soviet Union of ignoring the Japanese Government's request for the conclusion of a revised convention within the present year.

Although negotiations for a *modus vivendi* agreement which would extend Japan's fishing rights for another year, have been opened in Moscow, observers here were concerned over the adequacy of such a temporary instrument, and a disquieting statement given by M. Maxim Litvinov, Foreign Affairs Commissar, to Mr. Shigenori Togo, Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, on November 28.

According to the Foreign Office, M. Litvinov sent to Mr. Togo a statement which contained the following notification: "All so-called stabilized lots mentioned in the Hirota-Karakhan agreement (which constitute 73 per cent. of the total number of Japanese fishery lots,) and other lots, the terms of which have expired, will be sold at auction."

Clarification Wanted

Clarification of this statement was expected to be sought by Mr. Togo in his future conversations with M. Litvinov.

In a statement issued last night a spokesman of the Foreign Office declared that the Japanese Government "could not possibly accept such measures as are proposed by the Soviet Government, which will lead to the total destruction of Japanese fishery rights."

Observers believed that he referred to the statement of M. Litvinov to Mr. Togo regarding stabilized lots to be "sold at auction."

Commencement of negotiations for another stop-gap agreement means that there is no hope for the signing of the revised convention before the end of this year, observers pointed out. The present *modus vivendi* agreement expires December 31.

Gaimusho Statement

The following statement was issued by the Foreign Office spokesman last night:

"Negotiations have been in progress for some time between Mr. Togo, Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, and M. Litvinov, People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs, for the conclusion of a Soviet-Japanese fishery treaty.

"On November 28 M. Litvinov notified Mr. Togo that the Soviet Government could not agree to the conclusion of a fishery treaty so long as the Japanese Government failed to fulfill its obligations concerning the North Manchuria Railway.

"The Commissar's communication was to the following effect:

In case a modus vivendi is agreed upon because of the impossibility of concluding a treaty before the end of this year, those fishery lots, the terms of which have not yet expired, will be leased to the Japanese operators as heretofore. The special contract on canneries may be extended for another year.

But all so-called stabilized lots mentioned in the Hirota-Karakhan agreement (which constitute 73 per cent. of the total number of Japanese fishery lots) and other lots, the terms of which have expired, will be sold at auction.

Of the above mentioned stabilized lots, about 40 along the coast of the maritime province and in the Okhotsk Sea and other areas will be excluded hereafter from Japanese operation for military reasons, as well as for protection of the fishing industry.

"Despite the fact that under the terms of the Portsmouth Treaty the Soviet Government have obligations to conclude a new fishery treaty with Japan they have brought forward the question of the North Manchuria Railway, which has absolutely no relation whatever with the present negotiations.

Japan's Soft Answer

"Accordingly instructions were sent to Mr. Togo on December 8 to communicate to the Soviet Foreign Affairs Commissar that although the North Manchuria Railway question had nothing to do with the fishery question the Japanese Government would, in consideration of the larger interest of Soviet-Japanese relations, give favourable consideration to it if the Soviet Government agreed to sign the so-called Sako-Kazrovsky agreement of 1936.

"It was stated in addition that the signing of the said instrument must take place before December 10 owing to the time required for internal procedure in Japan.

"The Foreign Affairs Commissar persisted, however, in his contention and refused to agree to the Japanese proposal on some pretext or other.

"Mr. Togo called on the Commissar on Sunday, December 11, in order to ascertain if the Soviet Government were prepared to confirm the Japanese rights recognized by the Sako-Kazrovsky agreement in case the Japanese gave favourable consideration to the North Manchuria Railway question, or if it was their intention to restrict and dismiss those rights.

Soviets Remain Adamant

"The Foreign Affairs Commissar replied simply that there was no change in the decision of the Soviet

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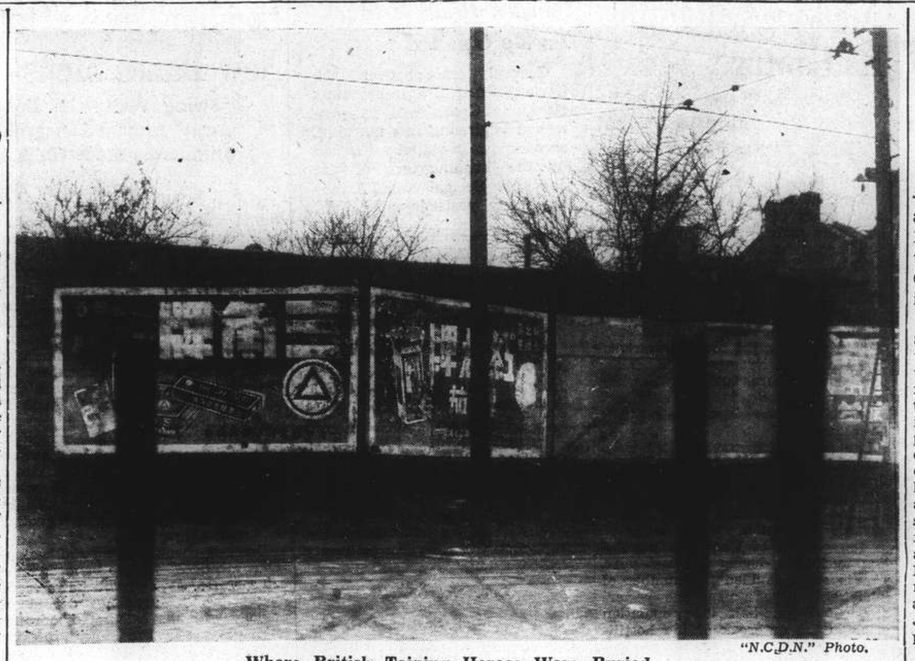

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Where British Taiping Heroes Were Buried

These advertising hoardings obscure the British military cemetery in Nantao where men killed in the Taiping rebellion of 1862-1865 were buried. Their remains have been disinterred and will be reburied at Hungjao Cemetery. Now a part of the Nantao refugee zone, this picture was taken through the barbed wire dividing it from the French Concession. Story on Page 5.

Mr. Chamberlain to Make Contact with Il Duce

Agreement, If Any, Will Be Submitted to Parliament; Britain Expected to Aid France If Italy Attacks

London, Dec. 13.

LONDON political observers see a connection between the Anglo-Italian conversations in Rome set for next month and the concentration of the British Mediterranean fleet in Gibraltar in January for naval manœuvres. These manœuvres will constitute the "spring cruise" which this year is to take place between February 27 and March 10. The exercises will be held in two sections consisting of an Atlantic patrol and manœuvres in the Mediterranean proper. The latter are considered of great importance owing to international circumstances and the fact that this will be the first time since the outbreak of the Spanish conflict that the British fleet will carry out the exercises in the Western and Central Mediterranean. In preceding years, the manœuvres were held only west of Gibraltar to avoid possible incidents with Spanish Nationalist vessels.

Authoritative quarters add that although the presence of the British fleet will be a mere coincidence, this concentration may constitute an important element in diplomatic exchanges during the conversation between Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, and Signor Mussolini, owing to the tension between France and Italy.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Labour M.P. for the Kingswinford Division of Staffordshire, will ask the Prime Minister: in the House of Commons tomorrow "whether in view of the fact that His Majesty's Government was a signatory of the 1923 convention affecting British citizens in Tunis and the provisions of the Anglo-Italian agreement safeguarding the status quo in the Mediterranean, His Majesty's Government will represent to Italy that an aggression against Tunis will not find this country disinterested?"

Appeal to Fascist States

Mr. Chamberlain can be expected to reaffirm Britain's wish for general appeasement in his speech at this evening's dinner celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Foreign Press Association of London, it was stated in well-informed quarters today.

Mr. Chamberlain will deliver his address in the presence of all the State Ministers and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

He is expected to indicate to the totalitarian States that Great Britain is awaiting gestures of goodwill from them equivalent to those made by himself.

It was understood this evening that he would also announce his intention to continue efforts to solve the refugee problem.

He was also expected to stress that prosperity and an increase of economic exchanges are the only conditions and guarantees for durable and satisfactory appeasement in this world.

Nazi "Sensation"

Meanwhile, quite a sensation was created here by an article published in the "Essener National Zeitung," organ usually expressing the views of Fieldmarshal Hermann Boering, Reich's Air Minister.

This article asserted that Mr. Chamberlain's speech would be both inopportune and useless.

Politicians here declare, however, that this remark is particularly ill-placed since it is applied to the initiator of the policy of appeasement.

This article presents another touchy aspect: it renders very delicate the presence of fifty German personalities invited to tomorrow's Press Association dinner. Herr Gottfried Aschmann, head of the Wilhelmstrasse's Press Department is among those invited.

Preparations have been made to broadcast the Premier's speech over a network extending to several foreign countries.

France Would Be Aided

Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons that Britain was not specfically bound by treaty to aid France in case of a war with Italy, deals only with the legal aspects of the situation.

The Premier's declaration, "No specific requirement exists in any treaty or pact with France," when questioned upon London's position in the event of an Italo-French war, is not indicative of what would be Britain's final attitude should Italy attack France.

Such were the opinions expressed in authoritative quarters here. They said that the excitement roused over the Premier's declaration was due to "misinterpretation."

If Italy attacked France, Britain's attitude would be decided in strict accordance with the *de facto* Anglo-French alliance and not with any legal texts. Furthermore, the same quarters stated, France was not very likely to request British assistance because of the present relative strengths of the French and Italian armed forces—unless Germany aided Italy.

In that case however, the aspects of the whole case are changed because then, Britain is pledged to assist France according to treaty obligations set down in the Rhine accords

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Big U.S. Credit For China Seen

Washington Parleys Of Chen Financial Mission Succeeding

Washington, Dec. 12.

Well-informed quarters today said that Chinese Government agents were negotiating both in Washington and New York for the purchase of a large number of trucks.

Officials of the Export and Import Bank, when questioned by the press, insisted that the Chinese financial mission had not conferred with the Bank on these purchases. However, they admitted that certain truck manufacturers had approached the bank with a proposal that the Bank re-sell trucks to China. The names of these firms were not disclosed, but the General Motors Corporation is believed to be among them.

There were indications today that the negotiations of the Chinese financial mission headed by Dr. K. P. Chen with the U.S. Treasury and other financial and industrial groups were now in "the final phase," with every prospect of a successful conclusion.

Early announcement of an arrangement whereby large American credits would be granted to China was expected.—United Press.

Tanganyika Jewish Settlement Mooted

British Government to Aid Wide Scale Development

Jerusalem, Dec. 13.

It is announced that a Select Committee has been appointed to investigate the question of Jewish settlement in Tanganyika.

The Government, it is understood, will proceed with measures for the large-scale development of Tanganyika.

The announcement is expected greatly to restore confidence in the Tanganyika region, as, since the Government is to continue its policy of the increased development of the territory, in which it has invested large sums of money, it is considered unlikely that it would consider handing back the country to Germany.—Reuter.

Britain to Combat Cancer Scourge; Over 100,000 Suffering Disease

National Radium Trust to Buy Ten Grammes Annually For £45,000; Incurability Bogey to Be Combatted

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 13.

Over 100,000 persons in the United Kingdom were suffering from cancer today, stated Mr. Walter Elliot, Health Minister, in moving the second reading of the Cancer Bill in the House of Commons yesterday.

The annual death-rate from cancer, he said, had nearly doubled in a generation, which was in striking contrast to other diseases, where there had been a steady fall.

Cancer, continued Mr. Elliot, was now second on the list of fatal diseases in Great Britain.

Cancer death-rate was increasing in other countries although not so rapidly as in Britain.

"The bogey of incurability," the Health Minister added, "is one of the things we hope the Bill will combat."

Mr. Elliot estimated that the Exchequer contribution, when the service was in full operation five years hence, would amount to approximately £300,000 for England and Wales and £50,000 for Scotland.

The National Radium Trust, he stated, had secured an option to buy ten grammes of radium at a yearly cost of £4,500 per gramme.—Reuter.

Passes to Japanese Areas Limited

The Shanghai Rehabilitation Section of the Japanese Naval Special Service Section announced yesterday:—

"The white and blue passes as issued to the Chinese workers in the employ of foreign firms, factories, etc., are valid in Hongkew and Yangtszepoo areas only. The passes, it must be understood, do not entitle their holders to visit places outside the Settlements limits. In future cases of persons in possession of such passes being found in Chapei or any other places under Japanese naval control, other than the above specified, their passes will be confiscated outright. Foreigners finding it necessary to send their Chinese employees to areas under Japanese Naval Landing Party control other than Hongkew and Yangtszepoo may, however, apply for permission to do so from this Section, through the Pass Office at Hongkew Police Station."

Jews, Christians In One Church

Mixed Congregation of 2,000 Attend Service In London West End

London, Dec. 12.

An example without precedent of the movement bringing closer together all religions in the face of anti-Semitic persecution in Germany, was given here over the week-end when a mixed Judeo-Christian service was held in the Confessional Highbury Quadrant Church.

Two thousand people, Protestants, Non-Conformists and Jews, attended the service. The mixed character of the congregation was further stressed by the fact that the Rabbi of the new West-end synagogue here, Rabbi Ephraim Levine, delivered a special sermon.

United Stand Urged

He affirmed that both Christians and Jews should unite in order to resist the dangers, ever-growing which are now menacing religion.

Hymns sung during the service and Bible chapters read out were all drawn from the Old Testament.

The Rev. Ralph Turner, Minister of the Congregationalist Church, introduced Rabbi Levine and expressed the desire of the Congregationalists to voice their "profound sympathy" for their Jewish neighbours "in the troubled period through which they are now passing."

The Rector of Highbury and several Rabbis have sent their felicitations to the organizers of this mixed service. In some quarters the hope has been expressed that this humble beginning might lead to the eventual fusion of all religious factions.—Havas.

Yugoslav Radical Union Wins Strong Majority

Government Now Gains Increased Authority

Belgrade, Dec. 13.

The Yugoslav Radical Union, the party of the Premier, Dr. Milan Stoyadinovich, obtained an absolute majority over opposition groups in Belgrade and the districts of the Danube: Moravia, Vardar, Zeita, Drina, and Drava, the final returns of the general elections reveal.

The loose federation of parties headed by Dr. Vladimir Matchek obtained a majority only in the districts of Save and Likoral.

It is emphasized that the Government victory will enable it to pursue with increased authority its home and foreign policy.

As a result of the Government's triumph, State bonds and shares of important business concerns have registered rises from three to twelve points in the Belgrade and Zagreb Bourses, where foreign currencies are also freely available.—Reuter.

German Sentenced to Life Imprisonment

Berlin, Dec. 12.

It was officially announced here today that Herr Julius Philipsohn, leader of an "International socialist organization," had been sentenced to life imprisonment after having been convicted on charges of treason. Four of Herr Philipsohn's followers were sentenced to lesser terms of imprisonment, presumably on the same charges.—United Press.

New Graves for Taiping Heroes

Remains of British Soldiers Moved from Nantao Cemetery to Hungjao; East Surreys Among Them

A TIMELY effort to save from oblivion the memory of British soldiers who were killed or died of disease in operations against the Taiping rebels in the Shanghai district during the period 1862-65 is being made by the Municipal authorities. Remains of the men buried in the soldiers' cemetery outside the old Chinese City wall in Nantao have been disinterred and are to be reburied in Hungjao Cemetery where a suitable memorial will be erected.

For many years the cemetery at 831 Mingkok Road, Nantao, which was originally backed by a piece of the old city wall, has been almost forgotten, a historical relic difficult to find behind the advertising hoardings built around it. It was once a piece of green sward where the curious might walk around and gaze on a long passed chapter in Shanghai's history. Since then rubbish and garbage have been flung on the site hiding the tombstones whereon faint inscriptions of names of men and regiments who formed the British garrison during that period may still be traced. The cemetery also suffered during the Sino-Japanese hostilities and it is now a part of the Nantao refugee zone.

Working in conjunction, the Public Health Department and the Public Works Department have commenced removing the remains of these defenders of Shanghai from Nantao to Hungjao and many of the tombstones with decipherable inscriptions have also been taken away to form the basis for a new memorial which will be erected in Hungjao Cemetery.

East Surrey Among Them

As present circumstances threaten completely to obliterate this cemetery, which still finds brief and appreciative reference in the annual report of the Public Health Department, this action is very timely and it also finds a historic association with the present British garrison in Shanghai.

Some of the inscriptions refer to "His Britannic Majesty's Regiments" and one of them is the 31st Foot, which was the former designation of the 1st Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment, the second battalion of which is now in Shanghai in command of Col. E. L. L. Acton. The 31st Foot was one of the British regiments brought from Tientsin to Shanghai in 1862 to assist in operations against the Taiping rebels, who had made their reappearance outside the city after some years of comparative quiet and threatened to capture Shanghai.

Came From Tientsin

General Frederick Ward, with his "Ever Victorious Army," later to be commanded by General—then Colonel—Gordon after Ward's death, had been very active, but as the new Taiping army was increasing in size and vigour it was felt that there should be joint action by the Britisn and French forces to clear the rebels out of a radius of 30 miles from Shanghai. The British force at Tientsin was withdrawn and under General Staveley proceeded to Shanghai where these joint operations were commenced with British and French sailors and soldiers, Ward's men and Chinese Imperial troops, and two admirals, Admiral Hope (British) and Admiral Protet (French) all participating. General Staveley's force was about 2,800 men and 22 guns, including two naval 32-pounders. It was during these operations that the 31st Foot—now the East Surreys—served and mixed parties went far inland capturing and reducing rebel bases in a campaign which was eventually brought to a successful conclusion by General Gordon, who developed the Ever Victorious Army to its most effective standard.

Frederick Ward was killed and lies in a tomb at Sungkiang erected by Li Hung-chang. A monument in the Shanghai Public Gardens recalls the death of himself and 47 of his officers. "Chinese" Gordon was killed by the Mahdi's hordes at Khartoum, and at last some of the men who fought China's battles during one of the most turbulent and dynamic periods in Chinese history are to receive an honoured resting place in more certain and undisturbed territory at Hungjao.

New Commons Debate On Register Plan

Conservatives Desire to Have Compulsory Scheme

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 13.

A growing feeling among Government supporters that the proposed National Voluntary Register should be made compulsory, and also that there should be further opportunities for a debate on the question before the House of Commons rises for Christmas has led to the decision to have a second day's debate on the national service on December 20.

The debate on foreign affairs which the Labour Party requested will take place on December 19.—Reuter.

Nazi Newspaper in Budapest Banned

Budapest, Dec. 12.

The only Nazi daily newspaper published here, the "Magyarsag," was banned today for two months following its publication of two articles and a caricature considered to be of a nature tending to disturb the internal order and external interests of Hungary.—Havas.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8 7/16d. U.S$ 15 7/16c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Dec. 13.

Silver prices improved today, with both "spot" and "forward" advancing 1/16d. from yesterday's levels.

	Dec. 12	Dec. 13
London spot	20 1/8d.	20 3/16d.
" forward	19 9/16d.	19 11/16d.
" gold	148/10 1/2d.	149/1 1/2d.

London/New York:

One pound	U.S.$4.6715	$4.6625
One U.S. dollar	51.375d.	51.474d.

—Reuter.

Italy Seeks Way to Justify Claims

Fascists in Tunis Now Said to Be "Prepared"; Djibouti Demands Made

Rome, Dec. 13.

While all newspapers today feature articles seeking to justify the Italian claims against France, "La Tribuna" publishes a report from Tunis that Italian residents there are putting themselves in a state of legitimate defence.

The newspaper adds no details, beyond stating that the steps taken have been "in accordance with Fascist conception; that is to say, the Italians are perfectly prepared for a counter-offensive."

The same journal yesterday, in an editorial, issued a warning that Italy was determined to press her claims for Tunis.

Italy, "La Tribuna" declared, would not resign herself to considering the question closed until it was resolved in conformity with justice and perfect harmony with the requirements of new European solidarity.

Djibouti "Neutralization"

Signor Virginio Gayda sets out in the "Giornale d'Italia" arguments for a free zone in the port of Djibouti and the cession of shares formerly belonging to Abyssinia in the Djibouti Railway.

He speaks of Djibouti as having always been the "living centre of a war waged continually, though in silence, against Italian interests."

With the conquest of Abyssinia, Signor Gayda asserts, Franco-Italian interests, like Anglo-Italian interests, "extend beyond the frame of the Mediterranean."

The interests of Italy, he adds, reach as far as the Red Sea and further.—Reuter.

Tunis Italians Arrested

Tunis, Dec. 12.

French police arrested an Italian named Antonio la Rosa tonight on a charge of having set fire to the Italian social centre, Dopo Lavoro Seminary.

Police said la Rosa's papers showed him to be a member of the Fascist Party. They gave no indication of his possible motive or any hint of whether they thought it was the act of an *agent provocateur* to create an incident between Italy and France.

Police also added that la Rosa had hidden a bomb somewhere in the Italian centre.—United Press.

Britain Pays Most Suez Canal Dues

London, Dec. 13.

The Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Capt. Euan Wallace, was asked in the House of Commons yesterday what percentage of the dues levied in the Suez Canal last year was paid for British ships and what percentage by Italian vessels.

Captain Wallace replied that 46 per cent. was paid for British ships and about seventeen per cent. for Italian ships.—Wireless through Reuter.

U.S. to Examine Facts Of Japanese Shipping

Freight Cut Rate Dispute Brings Complaints

Washington, Dec. 12.

The United States Maritime Commission has decided to inquire into the activities of two large Japanese shipping concerns, the Osaka Kyosen Kabushiki Kaisha and the Yamashita Kisen Kabushiki Kaisha.

These companies cut down freight rates between North and South America.

The Commission has received several complaints in which American shipping concerns objected to "such practices which are destined to create chaotic and destructive conditions" in the freight trade between South and North America.

The Japanese reductions bore principally upon coffee.

Representatives of the two Japanese concerns will have to appear before the Commission shortly.—Havas.

Interference of British Ships in Spain

120 Incidents Happened Since Civil War Began

London, Dec. 13.

Since the outbreak of the Spanish civil war, 120 incidents, in which British ships have suffered interference or damage by Spanish Nationalist forces, have occurred.

In 91 of these cases the ships concerned had been in territorial waters.—Wireless through Reuter.

Empire Flying Boat Breaks Moorings

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Darwin, Dec. 13.

The Empire flying-boat, Coorong, broke its moorings yesterday during an eighty-mile-per-hour gale. The machine, which was anchored in Darwin harbour, carried three tons of mail. The Coorong belongs to the Qantas Airways and is the same type of plane used by Imperial Airways.—Reuter.

German Reprisal Fears Have Influence at Lima

South American "Big Three" Hold Back from Formal Pledge on U.S. Joint Defence Plan

Lima, Dec. 13.

PROPOSAL for a declaration in favour of immediate co-operation in common action of all American states in the event any one of them is subjected to an attack from Europe or Asia, is being considered by the Peace Committee of the Pan-American Conference. The proposal, sponsored by Venezuela, forms part of the movement for a "united American front," which is the outstanding feature of the Conference.

Several Delegations, including that of the United States, are in favour of extending the declaration to include possible internal action by groups supported from countries outside the American continent.

Observers believe that the Conference will pass a resolution re-affirming the will of American nations to maintain their democratic principles.

However, it is not expected that the Pan-American Conference will sign any formal document, either on this or other subjects such as economic and commercial problem.—Reuter.

Fear of Germany

New York, Dec. 13.

Fear of German economic reprisals is playing an important part at the Pan-American Conference, according to the correspondent of the "New York Times." He states that this fear is indicated, in informal discussions among the delegates, as a leading factor in the South American opposition to all proposals which could be interpreted as anti-European.

The "Big Three" countries in South America, Brazil, Chile and Argentina, are said to have definitely aligned themselves against most of the United American front proposals.

Brazil and Chile have specially extensive trade with Germany.

On the other side, continues the correspondent, are Colombia, Venezuela, Cuba and the Central American States, which are supporting the suggestion of the United States for a positive front against military, economic and ideological invasion.

It is believed that Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay may adhere to the view of the "Big Three."

The correspondent adds that legal experts have been urging the American nations to refrain from all attempts to define an aggressor of the application of sanctions.

The Foreign Ministry at Santiago de Chile has announced that the Chilean delegation will present a motion proposing collective effort by the 21 American Republics to put an end to the Spanish war.—Reuter.

"Great Wall" Unwanted

New York, Dec. 12.

"The aim of the United States should surely not be that of building a Great Wall of China round the American continent," the "New York Times" stated today, commenting on the Lima conference.

The paper stressed the growing danger of totalitarian doctrines, and recalled that the United States always considered, over since President Monroe that "the Western world belongs to the Western nations, and any attempt by European powers to establish upon American soil a system hostile to our own must be resisted."

"We must not ask the nations of Latin America to join us in our temporary isolation from world affairs, and we should not interpret pan-Americanism as anti-Europeanism," the "New York Times" stated in conclusion. "There is nothing irreconciliable between a desire for better defences in America and the more intimate ties with the Eureopean democracies."—Havas.

U.S.-Argentine Accord

Lima, Peru., Dec. 12.

The United States and Argentina agreed today on the outstanding objective of the Eighth Pan-American Conference.

The agreement is for a solemn and forceful warning to the world by the 21 American nations to resist as one any attempt to aggression or any outside attempt to subvert American politcal institutions.—United Press.

Bolivia-Uruguay Accord

Buenos Aires, Dec. 12.

An agreement for the exchange of cultural and artistic productions was signed here today by Senor Guani, Foreign Minister for Uruguay, and Senor Valdes Munster, Bolvian Minister here.

A huge meeting in favour of American unity was held here this evening in the presence of several thousand people.

A resolution adopted proclaimed the necessity of the creation of a permanent defence organism on the Continent against the danger of totalitarian powers.

The assembly wildly acclaimed telegrams of congratulations sent to the Argentine Foreign Minister, Senor Jose Luis Cantilo; to President Roosevelt calling him the "standard bearer of world democracies," and to the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, and Senor C. Concha, Peruvian Foreign Minister.—Havas.

Argentine Minister Leaves

Lima, Dec. 13.

Senor Jose Luis Cantilo, Argentine Foreign Minister, left Lima today on board the cruiser Almirante Brown. An enormous crowd was on hand to watch the warship steam out of port. —Havas.

Industrial Leaders Aid Rearmament

Mr. Chamberlain Tells Commons of Scope of Special Committee

London, Dec. 12.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, announced in the House of Commons this afternoon the composition of the Industrial Advisory Committee which is to assist the Government in carrying out Britain's rearmament programme.

He indicated that this body will constitute a panel of personalities which will advise the Government but which will not in any way infringe upon the responsibilities of the Cabinet Ministers.

He then read to the House part of the letter sent out to those selected as members of this committee.

"In pursuance of the statement which I made in the House of Commons on November 17," he read, "I propose to establish a panel to receive representations over any delays, defects or difficulties in supply or production under the rearmament programme, to suggest remedial action in such cases, and any general improvements with regard to the execution of the programme; also to suggest any measures with regard to the position of the industry in time of emergency which to their knowledge the industry may dictate as being desirable.....

"This panel shall be independent of any Ministry.

"You will meet in the offices of the Cabinet and the Committee of Imperial Defence and you will have the secretarial staff of these offices.

"Whilst executive responsibility for the fulfillment of the rearmament programme must remain mine, I propose to reserve to the panel the right of direct access to me, should they desire it," he concluded reading extracts from the letter.

Abuse of Position Feared

Several Labour and Liberal M.P.'s voiced fears that the businessmen selected would use their position to favour certain concerns in which they themselves are interested. They were also opposed to the appointment of extra-Parliamentary people over the heads of the State Ministers.

Mr. Chamberlain reassured these doubting members and emphasized that none of the selected committeemen was directly interested in any armaments concern.

The composition of the Advisory Committee was announced by the Prime Minister to be as follows:

Mr. J. S. Addison, managing director of Courtaulds Ltd., a rayon concern; Mr. Peter F. Bennett, present Chairman of the Federation of British Industries and Assistant Administrator of Messrs. Joseph Lucas & Co., Ltd.; Mr. J. O. M. Clark, Chairman of J. & P. Coates, Ltd. and managing director of the Union Bank of Scotland; Mr. Francis d'Arcy-Cooper, Chairman of Lever Bros., Ltd., the Niger Co., Ltd. and the M. A. C. Fisheries; and Sir George Beharell, Chairman of the Dunlop Rubber Co.; Sir Geoffrey Clark, Vice-President of the London Chamber of Commerce and managing director of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company and director of the P. & O. Steamship Co.; and Major J. A. Davies of the Imperial defence Committee who is to be the secretary.—Havas.

Soviet-Japan Tension Grows; Tokyo Angered

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Government and that the Sako-Kazrovsky agreement had no binding power.

"Thus the Soviet Government is ignoring our sincere desire to sign the treaty within this year.

"Thereupon Mr. Togo, reserving for a later occasion negotiations on a new trety, urged the necessity of concluding a *modus vivendi* before the end of the year in order to make possible fishery operations for 1939.

"The Foreign Affairs Commissar agreeing to this proposal, negotiations have been commenced for the conclusion of a *modus vivendi*.

Japanese Proposals

"The Japanese Government believe that the proposed *modus vivendi*, as a measure to be enforced during the period of negotiations for a new treaty, should provide for the following:—

1. Extension of the term of the present fishery treaty and its annex;
2. Extension of the contract on stabilized fishery lots of Aug. 13, 1932;
3. Extension of a special contract on canneries;
4. Maintenance of the exchange rate with the rouble now in effect.

"It should be stated emphatically that the Japanese Government could not possibly accept such measures as are proposed by the Soviet Government, which will lead to the total destruction of Japanese fishery rights."

Japanese Traders' Demands

Conclusion of a Soviet-Japanese Fisheries convention prior to the expiration of the present temporary arrangement at the end of this year, was urged in a resolution adopted yesterday by the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Copies of the resolution were handed to the Foreign Minister, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and the Soviet Chargé d'Affaires in the name of the chairman of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Regret was voiced over the continued delay in reaching an agreement which the resolution blamed on the "dilatory tactics" of the Soviet Union.—Domei.

President's Son Again Enters Mayo Clinic

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 12.

Mr. James Roosevelt, eldest son of the President, planned to enter the Mayo Clinic at Rochester today for a physical examination. He arrived here last night from Seattle. He underwent an operation for the removal of a gastric ulcer at the Clinic in September.—United Press.

German Condor Plane Salvaged in P. I.

Tokyo, Dec. 13.

The German Condor goodwill plane which sank in the sea off Luzon after a forced landing en route to Germany has been salvaged, says a message from Manila. The all-metal monoplane was refloated after a crane hoisted it from its resting place in shallow water off Rosario Point.—Domei.

Nanking Celebrates Its Capture

"Reformed" Official Claims City Returning to Normal After Twelve Months

Nanking, Dec. 13.

Nanking today observed the first anniversary of its fall into Japanese hands as more than 3,000 Japanese residents assembled at a celebration held at 11.30 o'clock this morning in the Japanese elementary school building.

Shinto rites were held in memory of the Japanese war dead. Following the services, the residents assisted in decorating the graves of fallen Japanese officers and men, while visits were made to the sick and wounded at the Japanese military hospitals.

The celebration was marked by a parade by the Japanese military band through the streets of the city in the afternoon.

Rapid strides made by the city towards restoration were indicated in the growth of Nanking's population to 500,000 during the past year. The increase doubled the number of inhabitants here a year ago yesterday. It is one-half the population prior to the outbreak of the hostilities.

Large Stores Opened

Large stores have been opened along the main thoroughfares. These include department stores under Japanese management. Chinese elementary schools are also in session in various parts of the city.

Fishermen squatting on the banks of creeks and lakes which are scattered around the city walls reflected the peaceful atmosphere that pervaded Nanking today.

The only reminder of the fierce siege laid to the city a year ago were the innumerable bullet and shell marks that have scarred the city walls.

The "Reformed Government" now maintains its headquarters here.

Reminiscences of the battle of Nanking were exchanged by those who witnessed the fall of the city this day last year in a novel round-table conversation sponsored by the Nanking Radio Broadcasting Station which put it on the air for relay to Japan.

Conscription Suggested

The establishment of conscription and the training of a regular Chinese Army under the "Reformed Government" to complete the work of restoring peace and order started by the Ministry of Public Peace was proposed today by Mr. Jen Yuan-tao, Minister of Public Peace and former Mayor of Nanking, in the course of a speech commemorating the first anniversary of the fall of Nanking.

Mr. Jen stated that at the outset the monthly revenue was $8,000 while the Municipality incurred a debt of $40,000. The revenue soared to $250,000 while the debt was paid off by October 5 at the time he relinquished his position as Mayor. Since then, Mr. Jen noted that the monthly revenue was still on the increase.

"The people of Nanking are at present devoting themselves to their vocations in perfect peace of mind now that they have come to understand the enterprising plans and the spirit of the Reformed Government and the true purposes for which Japan has dispatched its expeditionary forces here," he said.—Domei.

Chungking Not Downhearted

Chungking, Dec. 13.

The Chinese press published this morning special editions, on the occasion of the first anniversary of the fall of Nanking.

The Nanking Residents' Association are to hold a mass meeting this afternoon. The Chinese press unanimously declares:—

"Since the fall of Nanking, and other cities like Hsuchow, Canton and Hankow have been lost.

"Our hearts are in deep sorrow, but our determination to resist the Japanese invasion has not lessened, nor has our confidence in our ultimate victory, and our recovery of the lost capital."—Reuter.

Generalissimo in Optimistic Mood

Japanese Achievements Belittled; Second Stage Of Hostilities Opening

Chungking, Dec. 13.

The "Ta Kung Pao" this morning published an exclusive report to the effect that the Chinese highest commands reviewed the military situation at a meeting yesterday, following which, it was stated, the Generalissimo expressed complete optimism as regards the future military situation.

The Generalissimo is said to have declared:—

"Japan, as a first class Power, after 18 months of hostilities, using her entire army, naval and air forces, has only succeeded in capturing a few points along the communication lines.

"Although Nanchang and Changsha are vital points from the standpoint of military strategy, the Japanese have failed to capture these cities after the fall of Hankow and Canton."

The Japanese, General Chiang is reported to have stated, have been operating on the level plains to the east of the Peiping-Hankow Railway.

"After this," he is said to have stated, "they will have to engage the Chinese troops in the mountainous areas.

"It is a mistake to classify the fall of Nanking as marking the conclusion of the first period in the Sino-Japanese hostilities, the fall of Hsuchowfu as the end of the second, and the fall of Hankow as the conclusion of the third.

"We may properly say that the present moment marks the conclusion of the first period in the hostilities, whereas the second period is only just beginning."—Reuter.

Survey of Panama Canal Urged

Washington, Dec. 12.

Colonel Clarence S. Ridley, Governor of the Panama Canal, today recommended to Mr. Harry Woodring, Secretary of War, that preliminary surveys be conducted to determine whether additional locks would be required in order to safequard the Panama Canal in case of an attack.—United Press.

Seward Road Bridge To Be Opened

General traffic over the Seward Road Bridge spanning Hongkew Creek will be permitted beginning this morning, according to a statement issued by the headquarters of the Japanese Special Naval Landing Party yesterday.

U.S., Britain Consider Economic Reprisals

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Ambassador in Tokyo, were of an entirely unofficial nature.

Hence, it is learned, no official cognizance can be taken of these conversations.

It is also pointed out that, despite the profuse hints dropped by Japanese speakers, and articles in the Japanese press, the Japanese Government, hitherto, has not communicated any explicit statement of heir desire to repudiate the Nine Power Treaty. —Reuter.

Door Not Closed

Seattle, Dec. 13.

"Though Japan is making efforts to assist in the development of China's natural resources she is not, of course, attempting to bar the door of China against third Powers, but rather invites them to participate in the economic development of China," Mr. Kensuke Horinouchi, newly appointed Japanese Ambassador to the United States, declared on his arrival here yesterday.

"My principal mission in the United States, he said, "is to strengthen the friendly relations between Japan and the United States which have existed for 80 years.

"For many years past Japan has been seeking to further promote peaceful relations between Japan and the United States, especially in East Asia.

"An understanding between the two countries is indispensable for the preservation of peace in the Pacific countries and consequently in the world."—Domei.

Bland Assurance

London, Dec. 13.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, writing in the "News-Chronicle" today, states that he understands Mr. Hachiro Arita, the Japanese Foreign Minister, when interviewing the British and American Ambassadors last week, emphasized that his policy was gradually to exclude their compatriots from the economic life of the Far East.

Mr. Arita, says Mr. Bartlett, made no direct threat to denounce the Nine Power Treaty, as this would doubtless lead to counter-measures against Japanese trade elsewhere.

The protests of Sir Robert Craigle, the British Ambassador in Tokyo, Mr. Bartlett understands, met with a bland assurance of preferences among Far Eastern Powers.

"These assurances," he declares, "carry less and less weight with the British Government, and it would not be surprising if the difficulties became acute in the New Year."

The "Birmingham Post" states that the Yangtze Valley is going to be the battle-ground where the free trading nations of the world will have to fight the grandiose Japanese conception of closed economy.

The journal urgently warns manufacturers who are interested in the China trade against the short-sighted policy of assuming that they will do better with Japanese agents than with old-established British firms in China.

In the long run, it is stated, British commercial interests in China depend on the Chinese, and not on the Japanese.

If manufacturers in the United Kingdom, and British merchants in China, present a united front, the paper declares, they will save a substantial part of their business, but disunity will prove fatal.—Reuter.

Two Robberies Last Night

Two armed robberies, both of which occurred in the Gordon Road district, were occupying the attention of Settlement police last night. As a result of the robberies a total of $220 was stolen in cash, jewellery and clothing.

The first robbery was at 739 Robison Road when four armed men entered a Chinese residence there and absconded with loot worth $200. The robbers, who escaped before an alarm could be raised, spoke Shanghai dialect.

In the second robbery which took place at 20 Tonquin Road at 7.30, four men, one of whom was armed, escaped with $20 in jewellery and clothing. They spoke Kompo dialect.

London Thinks Out New Dance Steps

"Swing Waltz" to Bear Away Jazz and Negroid Influences from Halls

London, Dec. 13.

Will the now famous "Lambeth Walk" which people born after the war find highly reminiscent of pre-war steps set a new fashion in dancing? The answer is "yes" according to well-informed night-lifers who predict that a number of new dances based on country choreography will be introduced during this winter season.

A strong reaction against American jazz and Afro-American music in general is said to be the main tendency amongst society "hoofers" here.

Folk dances from Old England as well as from Switzerland and Austria will form the basis of the new fashion in "timber-hitting" to be launched shortly, while the key-notes will be "joy and healthful exercise," quoting unimpeachable sources.

Cheek-to-cheek dancing and "voluptuous attitudes" will be banned, some are sorry to say, and will be replaced by various gestures not devoid of analogy with the celebrated morning jerks devised by the Dane, Professor Müller. "Figures," physical culture experts aver, are good for the figure.

New "Swing Waltz"

The yet unknown "Swing Waltz" will take London by storm, they say. The "Swing Waltz" is nothing more than a modernized version of the old Tyrolian "Schuhplattler" which is not unlike the "Lambeth Walk," The main difference is in the fact that one slaps one's partner's thighs instead of one's own. There will be, however, nine different steps and a number of complicated figures including pirouettes, curtsies, some tap-dancing and even kisses.

In the "St. Bernard Waltz," the partners move their hands in a way which, a deaf-and-dumb person states is full of meaning.

The "Blackpool Walk" is a slightly modified "Lambeth Walk" with the Curt "Oi." replaced by a speech.

The "Chestnut Tree" will be danced on an old English tune, and the "Village Blacksmith" on other people's toes.

The "Trek Dance" will be performed after the ball is over, with wads of cotton fastened to everybody's soles to repolish the floor.—Havas.

Mr. Eden Leaves for Washington

White House Visit to Be "Entirely Unofficial"

New York, Dec. 13.

Mr. Anthony Eden, former British Foreign Secretary, left for Washington last night.

Mr. Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State, will accompany Mr. Eden to the White House today. However, it is understood, the visit will be entirely unofficial.

The National Press Club will entertain Mr. Eden at luncheon today.—Reuter.

Speculations in London

London, Dec. 12.

The cordial reception given to Mr. Anthony Eden, former British Foreign Secretary, during his visit to the United States led to renewed talk today that shortly after his return here he may be invited to resume an official position in Great Britain.

Some quarters said that despite his differences with Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, over foreign policy, he might be invited to rejoin the Government.

Last week the "Sunday Dispatch" said Mr. Eden's political friends were urging him to accept the Ambassadorship to the United States if Mr. Chamberlain offers it to him.—United Press.

Mr. Eden's Mission Hinted

New York, Dec. 12.

Sources close to Mr. Anthony Eden revealed that he already had reached the major objective of his American visit.

His task, they said, was to find out the reason for America's coolness toward Britain after the Munich Peace Conference. He has himself taken every opportunity to sound out Americans and obtain their opinion on this question during the three days he has been in New York.

Informants have disclosed that he already has a brief case full of American views on the subject. It is doubtful whether all of the views will be released by him for immediate publication.—United Press.

Mr. Chamberlain to Make Contact with Il Duce

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renewed in 1936 after Germany's denunciation of the Locarno Pact.

The declaration giving rise to all this comment was made by Mr. Chamberlain today when he answered a question by Mr. John Morgan, Labour, who, on receiving his reply, voiced discontent and added, "Is the Premier to that extent free when he proceeds to Rome that he can bargain away French interests in order to advance our own?"

Serveral Conservative M.P.'s protested against this question, but the Labour members approved.

Meanwhile, evening newspapers appeared on the streets publishing the Premier's declaration under banner headlines.

During the afternoon, various questions upon Franco-German and Franco-Italian relations were also raised in the House.

Dealing with the recent Franco-German Declaration, Mr. Chamberlain asserted, "His Majesty's Government welcome the conclusion of this agreement and the French Government were so informed when they made known the terms of the Declaration to His Majesty's Government on November 24."

Regarding Italian claims upon Tunisia, Corsica and Nice, he stated that the British Government were keeping in touch with the French Government."—Havas.

Paris Not Perturbed

Paris, Dec. 12.

Authoritative French political circles admitted this evening that there are no specific treaty obligations requiring Britain to assist France in the event of an Italian attack.

They emphasized that Britain was most unlikely to remain indifferent in any Franco-Italian conflict. They recalled the interest shown by Britain under varying circumstances regarding French territorial integrity. For example, they pointed to London's attitude during the recent September crisis.—Havas.

Commons Statement

London, Dec. 13.

Primary intention of his visit to Italy, said Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, was to afford an opportunity for making a personal contact with Signor Mussolini. The Prime Minister made this statement in the House of Commons yesterday when he was asked to give assurance that during the forthcoming Rome conversations he would enter into no agreements with Italy concerning the Suez Canal and the Spanish war. If any agreement is entered into during the visit, continued Mr. Chamberlain, it would be submitted to Parliament for discussion.

Meanwhile, for the past few days, several British leader writers have carried comments along the lines of the speech made by Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, last week-end, in which he referred to the difficulties of international appeasement unless concessions are reciprocal.—Reuter.

Memel Anschluss Unlikely Now

Time Inopportune for Berlin Policy Toward Poland in Near Future

London, Dec. 12.

In a statement in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the situation in Lithuania and Memel, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, said:

"There is reason to think that after the elections for the Memel Diet, which took place yesterday, demands may be made on the Lithuanian Government by the majority parties in the Diet which would not be consistent with the Statute of Memel.

"His Majesty's Government, as a signatory of the Memel Convention, cannot ignore this possibility.

"In view of the special influence which the German Government is in a position to exert in these matters, His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires in Berlin has been instructed to join with the French Ambassador in expressing the hope that the German Government will use its influence to ensure respect for the Statute."—Reuter.

Annexation Inopportune

Berlin, Dec. 12.

Germany's annexation of Memel is not contemplated for the present, but it may be envisaged at a later date if circumstances become favourable, well-informed politicians declared here this evening.

The Reichsfuehrer, Herr Adolf Hitler, declared after Munich that he had no more territorial claims in Europe. Annexation of Memel now would create a bad impression abroad.

If Germany annexed Memel, she would have to grant financial assistance to the harbour which would then be deprived of the Lithuanian hinterland upon which it thrives. Memel's incorporation within the Reich would lead to the rapprochement of Lithuania, Poland and the Baltic States, observers continued.

Instead of annexing the territory and causing this closer entente, Germany might prefer to increase her political and economic influence over Lithuania. Berlin may prefer to reach an understanding with Lithuania for support if Germano-Polish relations became embittered.—Havas.

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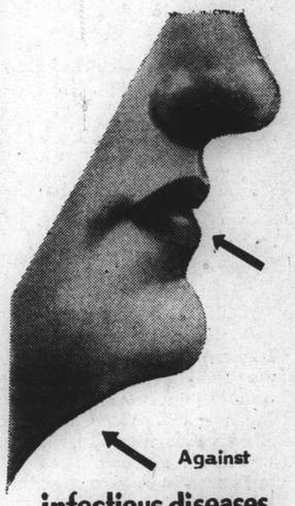

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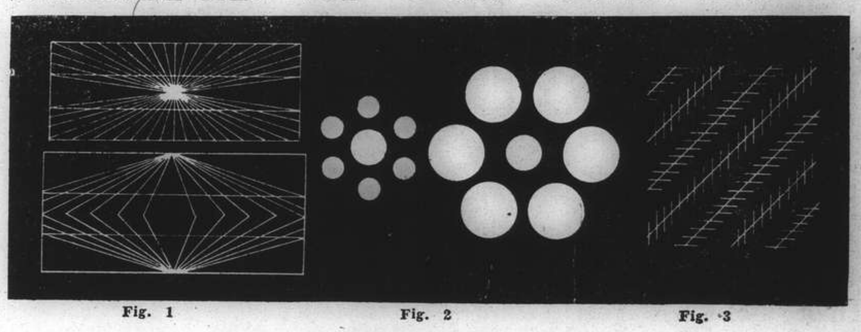

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FROM DAY TO DAY

A REQUIEM Mass in memory of the late Mrs. A. Hamamdjian will be held at St. Pierre's Church in Avenue Dubail at 8.30 a.m. on Thursday, December 15.

THE Hon. Mrs. Francis Butler, who has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. B. S. Clitherow, left yesterday for Peiping. She expects to be away three weeks.

THE following has been admitted to membership of the Institution of Electrical Engineers:—As Associate Member (A.M.I.E.E.) W. A. Ankerson. B. Sc. (Eng.) (Shanghai.)

AT today's meeting of The Keys, at 6 p.m. at the Y.W.C.A., 999 Bubbling Well Road, the speaker will be Mr. R. D. Chisolm and his subject "The Career Girl Goes Nuts." All those interested are invited to attend.

MR. Kenshi Matsuzaki, Director of the Examining Bureau of the Yokohama Customs, will soon be appointed a director in the North China Development Company, Domei was informed yesterday in official quarters.

THERE are 146 pilots attached to the Port of London, whose gross annual earnings exceed £1,000 a year each, according to the pilotage returns for 1937. Seventy-eight Channel pilots earned an average of £1,089 each and 68 Cinque Ports pilots an average of £1,169 each. Outside the Port of London, the highest average gross earnings were. Bristol £879, River Humber £816.

MEMBERS of the Tsingtao Russian Orthodox Church having learned that the Rev. Valentin Sinaisky has received notice of his transfer to Shanghai, are forwarding a petition to Bishop Victor at Peiping requesting him to reconsider his decision. Father Sinaisky's work in Tsingtao has been greatly appreciated, and during his short stay there he proved himself a talented preacher and an excellent social worker.

THE American University Club is holding its second tiffin meeting of the season at the American Club on Friday at which Dr. J. E. Baker, director of the Shanghai International Red Cross, has consented to speak. Mr. Baker, having chosen to speak on "Some Impressions of West China," is particularly fitted to dwell on this topic, inasmuch as he has just returned from a three months trip which covered Szechuen, Kwangsi, Yunnan, Kweichow, Hunan and some of the neighbouring provinces.

AMONG the passengers who arrived in Shanghai in the ss. Chitral is Lady Stuart who has come on a long visit to her son, Mr. R. L. Stuart, Barrister-at-Law, of 1331 Rue Lafayette. Lady Stuart is the wife of Sir Louis Stuart of London, honorary secretary of the Indian Empire Society and Editor of "The Indian Empire Review." Sir Louis Stuart was formerly a judge of the Allahabad High Court, and later Chief Judge of the Oudh Chief Court at Lucknow.

Two circus elephants, Lizzie, aged three, and Anuka, aged 12, "declined" to enter a railway truck at New Street Station, Birmingham, recently. They were being taken to Worcester for training. For three hours they gently refused all efforts to coerce them to board the train. Then they lost patience. One smacked a man's face with its trunk, knocking him across the platform, and then began flinging lumps of coal from a dump. Breaking through a door, they attempted to sit on a small car, but this was hastily driven away. Finally they were roped and hauled into the truck.

BREATHING almost imperceptibly in the Wemyss Memorial Hospital, Anstruther, 28-year-old Miss Jenny Aitken has passed into 100th day of a coma resulting from an accident at Leven, Fifeshire. Miss Aitken was a bus conductor, and fell through the doorway of her bus on to the road and hurt her head. Her injuries healed, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Aitken, of Roger Street, Anstruther, waited expectantly for her to recognize them again. But she has never shown the slightest sign of consciousness. She is fed every two hours through a tube.

TAHSIN, Waping, Tungchow, Fangshan, Shunyi and Changping in North China, as well as the four suburbs of Peiping, have been chosen by the "Provisional Government" as model districts in applying the *paochia* system, which provides for the mutual guarantee among families against association with undesirable elements, according to Chinese press reports. Before the actual application of the system the various districts have to take a census of their inhabitants. If the *paochia* system proves successful in these districts it will be extended to Shantung, Shansi and other parts in Hopei.

THE programme for the eleventh Sunday Symphony Concert in the Lyceum Theatre, on Sunday, December 18, at 5.15 p.m. is as follows:—

Suite "Intermezzi Goldoniani" E. Bossi
for Stringed Orchestra
(a) Preludio e Minuetto
(b) Gagliarda
(c) Coprifuoco
(d) Minuetto e Musetta
(e) Serenatina
(f) Burlesca

Symphony No. 4 in E flat ....Glazounow
(a) Andante—Allegro moderato
(b) Scherzo: Allegro vivace
(c) Finale: Andante—Allegro—Presto

Piano-Concerto No. 1 in B flat Tschaikowsky
with Orchestra
(a) Allegro non troppo e molto maestoso
(b) Andantino semplice
(c) Allegro con fuoco
Soloist: Leo Itkis

AT the sixteenth annual convention of Y's Men's Clubs held in Toronto some weeks ago, Mr. Y. Lewis Mason of Shanghai was elected Regional Director for China, succeeding Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee, the founder of the Y's Men's Movement of "Fellowship, Culture and Service" in China, who has held this position continuously since 1924. In recognition of his continuous service, he has been appointed at the same Toronto Convention, Regional Director-Emeritus for China. Mr. Y. Lewis Mason is a native of Ihing, Kiangsu, a graduate of the Tsing Hua College, B.A. from Colorado College, M.A. from Columbia University and M.C.S. from the New York University. Returning to China twelve years ago, he organized the Consolidated National Advertising Company of which he is a director and manager. He was a president of the Shanghai Y's Men's Club in 1936, is a director of the Shanghai Chinese Y.M.C.A. and has been chairman of the Shanghai Y's Men's Baby Clinic, succeeding Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee in 1935.

Efforts to Break Ban on Rice

Chinese in North Trying to Buy Grain Direct; Shanghai Godowns Full

As a counter policy against the restrictions placed by the Shanghai Municipal Council on the exportation of rice in Shanghai to outports especially to northern ports, merchants from the north who have failed to buy rice in Shanghai are now reported to be co-operating with the Japanese in sending rice right from the Japanese-occupied districts in the interior to North China. Only Yangtszepoo is made a place of call by rice boats from the interior, it is stated.

Rice dealers in Shanghai are said to be viewing the situation with anxiety and so are the Chinese people here who do not like to see rice being exported from this port fearing that there might be a shortage It is stated by rice dealers here that the number of rice boats arriving in Shanghai has been decreased in view of the direct transportation scheme worked out by rice buyers from the north.

Although the new scheme of obtaining rice by northern dealers may not affect Shanghai at present as there are 700,000 bags of rice stored in various Shanghai godowns, it will do so if matters are allowed to take their natural course. Shanghai godowns are filled with so much rice at present that dealers have stopped importing rice to this city from rice-producing districts, Chinese reports state.

Some weeks ago, it will be recalled, rice dealers here agitated for permission to export rice to outports. They asked the Customs authorities to lift the ban on interest transportation of rice but their request was turned down on the ground that their appeal should first be accepted by Settlement authorities. To meet the merchants half way, the Shanghai Municipal Council recently allowed only 50,000 bags of rice to be exported to outports. As to the future policy no official predictions have been made.

The Chinese people have been opposing the exporting of rice to outports from Shanghai because they fear also that rice, especially that which is detined for North China, may not be for the civilian use. They do not desire to experience a rice shortage having once had the painful experience. Besides the official restrictions, police authorities are said to be guarding the city against rice smugglers. Passengers aboard outgoing steamers who carry more than one bag of rice will be discouraged.

Japanese Boy Scouts to Resume Activities

Mr. Gengo Yasui to Become Executive Officer

With Mr. Gengo Yasui, a prominent member of the local Japanese community, at its head, the Federation of Japanese Boy Scouts in Shanghai will soon resume its activities interrupted since the outbreak of the hostilities last year when most of its members were evacuated to Japan.

The post of Scout Executive became vacant with the departure of Mr. Yasuo Matsumoto. Mr. Shinrokuro Hidaka, who left Shanghai on Monday after serving for eight and a half months as Consul-General, was honorary executive *ex officio* but his quest for an executive was in vain until the eve of his departure when Mr. Yasui announced his acceptance of the proferred post.

Organized in 1928 by Mr. Shichitaro Yada, Japanese Consul-General here, the Federation has had two retired naval officers and one civilian at its head.

In 1931, the scouts played a prominent part as messengers, interpreters, and impromptu postmen during the brief Sino-Japaneseese conflict here.

Three Russians Nabbed On Looting Charge

Alleged to Have Stolen Machinery, Wire in Hongkew

On information received, a police party under Detective Sub-Inspector P. Konovaloff raided premises at 88 Macgreggor Road at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and arrested three Russians who are suspected of having stolen various materials in Hongkew.

The arrested men are Alexander K. Koolikoff, 20, salesman residing at 31 Rue Pere Robert, Hariton I. Timoshenko, 38, unemployed and Nicoly A. Vishinsky, 27, also unemployed, both living at 88 Macgreggor Road.

Although investigations are not as yet completed, it is believed that the arrested men on Monday used a truck belonging to a local vodka distillery to transport five automatic electrical oil pumps, 3 bags of electric and telephone wire and one bag of lead printing type to the Ying Tsung Sing second-hand shop at 1164 Avenue Edward VII. The total value of the loot is estimated to be in the vicinity of $2,500.

The three accused will face the First Special District Court this morning and it is understood that a summons has also been issued for the appearance of the owner of the second-hand shop, whose whereabouts could not be traced by the police until a late hour last night.

Woman's Petition Dismissed

On the grounds that she had certain debts which she wanted her husband to pay, a petition for separation which had been brought by Mrs. Anna Yakovlevna Perry against Mr. Herbert Perry in H.M. Supreme Court some time ago was brought on the lists again yesterday.

It was pointed out in court by Mr. J. R. Jones, representing Mr. Perry, that there had been a deed of separation between the two parties which was being observed by both. Mrs. Perry applied for a separation in court but Judge Sir Allan Mossop decreed that as she had entered into a separation deed he could not vary the terms of the agreement and could not allow the previous case to be restored unless there was breach of the agreement by respondent.

Vital International Trade Treaty Signed

Sir Ronald Lindsay, H.M. Ambassador to Washington, is seen above chatting with President Roosevelt after the signing of the trade treaties, at the United States capital, between Great Britain, Canada and the United States. The ceremony took place at the White House.

"Provisional Government's" Finances Sound

Review of Activities of Peiping Regime Claims Industrial Progress Made in North China

Peiping, Dec. 13.

FINANCES of the "Provisional Government" have been placed on a stable basis as a result of the operations of the Federal Reserve Bank and the revision of the tax system, officials of the Peiping administration announced yesterday in a statement reviewing the activities of the new régime during the first year of its existence.

As evidence of the financial security achieved by the government the statement declared that revenue from the Customs tariff, salt gabelle and consolidated tax, which are the three major sources of income, reached a pre-hostility level at the end of May.

The most noteworthy feature of the economic and financial reconstruction projects in North China undertaken by the new government was the establishment of the Federal Reserve Bank and the subsequent institution of a new currency system, the statement said.

Chinese banks of the Nationalist régime are displaying confidence in the Federal Reserve Bank, the statement claimed.

British Concession authorities in Tientsin, who at first refused to accept the new bank notes, recently decided to take them in payment of taxes, the statement further declared.

Task of Relief

The first and most difficult task which confronted the government officials, the statement said, was the speedy execution of relief projects on behalf of the Chinese masses who had suffered hardships in warfare and floods and been plagued by bandits and guerillas.

To solve the acute unemployment problem the government launched a programme of dyke and highway construction and community farming. Supplies of raw cotton were purchased and seeds distributed among the poor.

When disastrous floods followed the destruction of sections of dykes along the Yellow River by Chinese troops last July the government dispatched engineers to the stricken areas and formed a special commission to supervise relief and reconstruction. The sum of Y.200,000 was expended on these projects.

Maintenance of peace and order was given special attention by government officials; Peace Maintenance Commissions were formed in each hsien and policing systems were strengthened.

Industrials Development

Industrial development of North China has been under way on a broad scale since the organization of the North China Development Company on November 7, the statement said.

The Sino-Japanese Economic Council, which was established last March, has planned various measures to develop natural resources and industries in North China.

The North China Telecommunications Company and the Shihchingshan Iron Works, subsidiary firms of the North China Development Company, started operating on August 1 and November 20 respectively.

The old anti-Japanese doctrines of the Three People's Principles and the pro-Communist policies of the Kuomintang, "which constituted one of the major causes of the hostilities, are being supplanted by the new principles of Sino-Japanese co-operation," the statement said.

Anti-Japanese educational ideas were being eradicated, the statement declared. The Hsinmin Institute was established last January to train youths to become officials in the new government. A National Teachers College was opened in Peiping in April. Text books for schools in North China have been revised since September, the statement disclosed.

Schools of medicine, natural sciences and engineering were opened in the University of Peiping in September.

Schools of literature and law will be created soon to provide complete university training for the youth of North China, the statement continued.

The Hsin Min Hui was formed on December 24 of last year to foster adult education. The Cultural Association of East Asia was formed in Peiping on August 29 to lay the groundwork for Sino-Japanese cultural co-operation.

Establishment of a central government of China is only a matter of time, the statement declared. As a result of the "effective administrations" of the "Provisional" and "Reformed" Governments the time was past approaching when a new unified régime will be set up, the statement said.

Since the formation of the joint commission of the two régimes an agreement has been reached, the statement reveald, for joint jurisdiction over common administrative affairs, communications, postal administrations, finances, Customs, consolidated taxes, cultural movements and political ideology.—Domei.

Japanese General Issues Defiance

Gen. Chiang Kai-shek Told To Fight; Withdrawal Moves Called Dishonourable

Canton, Dec. 13.

Lieut.-Gen. Rikichi Ando, commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in South China, invited Gen. Chiang Kai-shek to uphold his honour as a soldier in a decisive battle in a written challenge made public here yesterday.

"You are showing us your back, pretending that it represents what you describe as 'protracted resistance,'" the challenge read in part, according to a communiqué issued by Japanese headquarters yesterday. "Such behaviour, however, invites only contempt and is not in keeping with a soldier's honour.

"Should you meet defeat, you had better beg the forgiveness of your ancestors and dispose of yourself in a manner worthy of a soldier after having apologized to the Chinese people for your misdeeds.

"You deserve a thousand deaths for the maladministration that has poisoned your country and the misery and distress you have brought upon its people," Lieut.-Gen. Ando stated.

The challenge recalled that the Japanese forces had used only "one or two battalions" to capture Canton itself after a spectacular advance from Bias Bay "that surprised the world."

In subsequent consolidating operations, the Japanese troops had liquidated thousands of Chinese soldiers of the 153rd and 150th Divisions in areas south of the East River, Lieut.-Gen. Ando declared.—Domei.

Sergeant Charged with Extortion

Truck Purchaser Alleged to Have Been Victimized

Chang Tuh-seng, Chinese detective sergeant attached to the Bubbling Well Police Station, was brought before the First Special District Court yesterday charged with extortion by his colleagues. A man named Koo Chi was charged with aiding and abetting. Chang denied the charge but the alleged accomplice admitted that he had been instructed by Chang to collect the money from their victim. The hearing was postponed for a week.

The case dates back to December 9 when Chang visited a godown at 95 Mandalay Road owned by the plaintiff Tang Kung-foh who is also the owner of a motor accessory shop at 291 Weihaiwei Road. Claiming that Tang had illegally bought three trucks, Chang took him to his station, questioning him as to the origin of the cars. Chang is alleged to have told the car owner that he (plaintiff) would be turned over to the Japanese who might execute him for having bought trucks from the defunct Shanghai District Salvation Corps.

The accused detective was alleged in court to have demanded $5,000 in order to hush up the matter. He was promised more than $2,000. He named the second accused as the guarantor for the fund. The second accused is alleged to have actually obtained cash and given the lion's share to his detective friend. The sum actually obtained, however, was less than $2,000. When the accused detective himself went again to his victim to collect more money he found his colleagues waiting for him in a back room of the Weihaiwei Road shop.

Port of Ningpo is Closed Again

Shanghai Steamers Postpone Their Sailings

Ningpo is now again closed to shipping by Chinese military authorities causing many Shanghai steamers flying foreign flags to suspend sailings. Four steamers which were only recently granted permission to sail to the district have cancelled their sailings and other steamers which were to leave for Ningpo in the next few days will also have to postpone their sailings.

It is learnt that the closing of the district is temporary this time and that it is not because of military necessity as it was in previous cases. Chinese authorities have recently enforced a set of new regulations governing the navigation between Shanghai and the Chekiang coast requiring all steamers to renew their registration and to obey new rules in connection with the transportation of cargo and passengers. The closing of the district may therefore have something to do with the new procedure, it is learnt.

Although not closed, retrictions are placed on shipping in other Chekiang coastal districts. For instance, the Chinese authorities in Haimen only allow two steamers to go daily to that district which leads direct to Taichow. In this connection, managers of steamship companies in Shanghai are reported to have met and discussed the question of priority in sailings in order to avoid sailing three boats to the district.

The Chinese high command has deemed it necessary to enforce new regulations because of the irregularities in carrying out restrictive rules by the former garrison commander who was recently shot. His subordinates are alleged to have organized shipping firms themselves in competition with merchant vessels.

More Suspects Taken By Police

In addition to ten men and five women in whose possession two hand grenades were found, officers attached to the Yulin Road Police Station arrested seven other criminal suspects and arraigned them before the First Special District Court yesterday applying for a writ of detention. The newly arrested seven persons in whose possession one pistol and 41 rounds of ammunition were found will be heard together with the 15 persons already in custody.

The 15 suspets were charged early in the week with offences against public order only but the police asked for more time to investigate them, which request was readily granted by the judge. It was revealed in court yesterday that some of the newly arrested persons were involved in an armed robbery committed at 137 Pakhoi Road. Meanwhile, the police are still looking for other suspects belonging to the same gang which may also have been engaged in terrorist activities.

Four other men, who were last week charged on 11 counts of robbery, appeared again yesterday and remanded in custody for a week pending further investigations. They were alleged to belong to a gang of robbers specializing in victimizing pleasure seekers during curfew hours.

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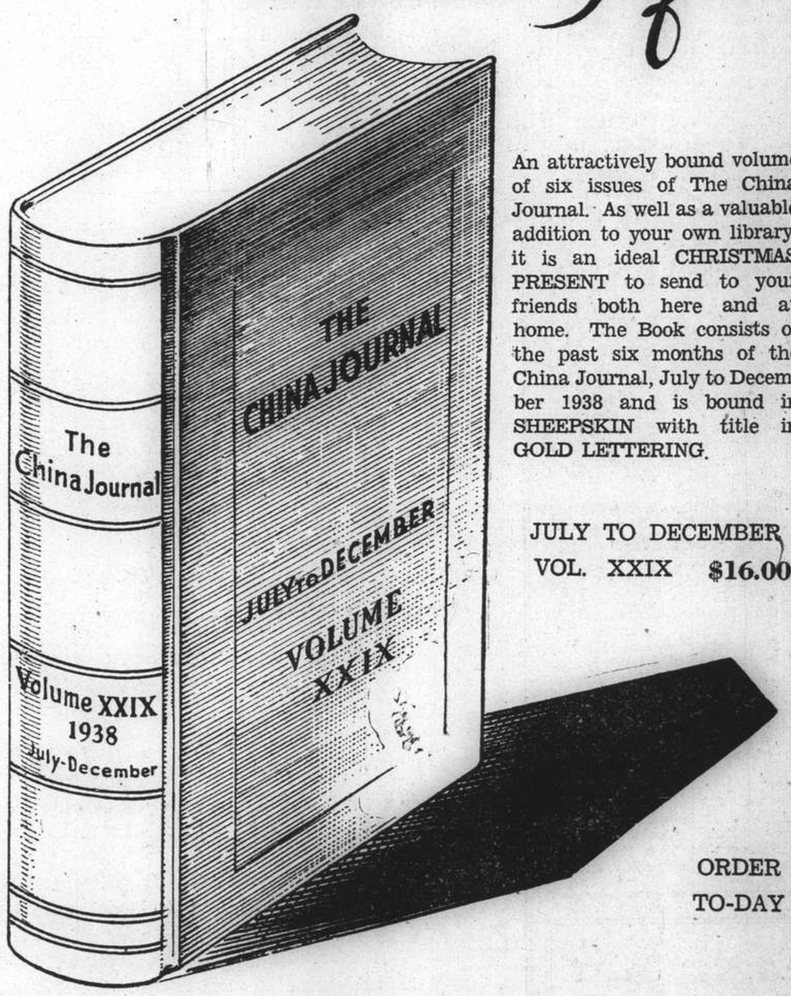

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End of the "Grand" Old Lady of the Yangtze

H. M. S. Bee to Be Sold for Breaking-Up at Shanghai; Famous Ship's Distinguished Career

IT is always a sad moment when the time approaches to say good-bye to a friend, and it will be with such emotions that present and past officers and men of the British Yangtze Flotilla learn the news that the career of H. M. S. Bee, the "Grand Old Lady of the Yangtze", has come to an end. Although the vessel is still officially in commission, with the arrival of H.M.S. Scorpion from Hongkong on or about December 21 the Bee will be sold to be broken-up. H.M.S. Scorpion, a new vessel of 585 tons, is at present undergoing trials in the Colony, preparatory to replacing the Bee on the Yangtze.

From Royalty downwards—for the Duke of Kent, as Prince George, served in the Bee on the Yangtze—there will be many who recall both dangerous and pleasant experiences as members of the gunboat's crew as she carried them through the Mediterranean, the River Tigris and Far Eastern waters. During recent years her name has become even more widely known as a result of adventures on the Yangtze during the hostilities.

For some weeks past the Bee has occupied a berth at the British naval buoys in the Whangpoo River, following a lengthy sojourn at the Yangtzepoo Dockyards where she was stripped of her guns and other machinery prior to being offered for sale. As she left the dock some weeks ago there must have been many whose minds flew back to that memorable day in 1916 when she slipped down the stocks of the Ailsa shipyard to commence her career as a small but very important unit of the Royal Navy.

War Service

The second of her name, the first Bee was a screw paddle tug of 34 tons displacement built at Chatham and launched on February 29, 1842, H.M.S. Bee is of 645 tons displacement and was built by the Ailsa Company during the Great War. Completed in 1916, she left Troon on March 22 of that year for Milford Haven and later for service in the Mediterranean. Reaching Port Said in October 1916, she was employed on Suez Canal service from then until May 1917. In June of that year the Bee served in Mesopotamia on the River Tigris. In January, 1918 she left for the Far East arriving at the China Station in April, having made the passage from Muscat to Hongkong in three months. Arriving at Shanghai in the same month,

Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt,
the Present Rear-Admiral, Yangtze.

H.M.S. Bee commenced her twenty years' service up and down the Yangtze from that date.

From May to October 1921, the Bee was converted into a flagship for the Rear-Admiral, Yangtze, and it was in this year that her lines were altered. Built originally as a gunboat of the Insect class her six inch gun was removed and the Admiral's quarter placed in that position. Some years later, in the summer of 1928, the foremost six inch gun was removed and a wardroom erected on the forecastle. Since her arrival in China waters the Bee served under many distinguished officers of the Navy who, at the time, occupied the office of Rear Admiral, Yangtze. These included Rear-Admirals R. A. Crawford Machlachlan (1921-23), D. M. Anderson (1923-25), J. E. Cameron (1925-27), H. J. Tweedie (1927-29), C. K. Maclean (1929-31), R. A. S. Hill (1931-33), F. G. G. Chilton (1933-35), L. G. E. Crabbe (1936-37), and the present Rear-Admiral, Yangtze, R. V. Holt, who assumed the position in December, 1937.

The Yangtze career of the Bee has provided plenty of action for those serving aboard her and many times her guns have fired salvoes, not of all of them being during her regular practices. From 1930 to 1932, during which time the Bee spent most of her time in the Middle and Siang Rivers, she opened fire on many occasions on Communists who peppered the vessel from the banks of the river at a time when they were creating plenty of trouble in these areas. The artillery used in these actions were her three inch and Lewis guns and wherever she sailed the little vessel could deal out always more than she received.

"Ladybird Incident"

In 1927 the Bee spent most of her time at Chungking, now the headquarters of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the Kiawo, now owned by Jardines, becoming temporary flagship. From this time until 1937 little was heard of the ship and for the first year and a half of Rear-Admiral Crabbe's term of office everything was peaceful—in fact more so than it had been for years,—but in the summer of 1937, when the Sino-Japanese hostilities commenced, that peace was shattered.

In the middle of August the Bee went down to Nanking, leaving the Rear-Admiral at Hankow, and there she remained until the end of November. During that time there were, of course, many air raids and although the Japanese bombed buildings within half-a-mile of the ship on numerous occasions not even so much as a splinter dropped on board. On September 20, the day before the Japanese had stated that Nanking would be severely bombed, the staff of the British Embassy embarked on the Bee, the latter returning to the city shortly after the raiders had visited the town and had carried out their threat. On November 22 the Embassy staff was taken on board once more and the ship sailed on the following day for Hankow.

During the second week in December the report spread that the Japanese would break through the Kiangyin boom and enter the Yangtze proper and so on December 10 the Bee left Hankow flying the flag of Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt. From then until Christmas all aboard had more excitement than they bargained for. Two days after leaving Hankow the vessel arrived at Wuhu, twenty minutes after the now famous Ladybird incident, and although one shell was fired at the ship (fortunately it missed its objective) the Bee was saved from a similar fate to the Ladybird by the prompt intervention of Captain G. E. M. O'Donnell and Lieut.-Col. Lovat Fraser (H. M. Military Attache) who, at great personal risk, ran towards the Japanese battery and ordered them to cease fire.

Panay Bombing

On the following morning news was received that the U.S.S. Panay had been bombed and sunk and at 12 noon the Bee proceeded down the river with everyone on board prepared to do his best to aid any survivors of the terrible incident. At 2 p.m. that afternoon a huge column of oily black smoke was seen this, as was perceived later, emanating from the two blazing Socony oilers which had been bombed at the same time as the Panay. That same evening the Bee picked up twelve survivors from the oilers and from the Panay on the south bank of the river and the news was imparted that some of the remainder were on the north bank of the stream.

Before dawn, a search party led by Rear-Admiral Holt himself left the ship to search for the survivors and by 10.30 a.m. had gained contact with them by telephone but, as they were many miles inland nothing could be done at Hohsien and so the party returned to the ship to arrange the embarkation for that evening. At 4.30 p.m., the party again went ashore to Hohsien to await the arrival of the men from the Panay but it was not until 19.30 that they were sighted, all of them being embarked by 11 a.m. the following morning to be transferred to the U.S.S. Oahu and H.M.S. Ladybird, which were leaving for Shanghai.

On December 23 Rear-Admiral Holt transferred his command to the Cockchafer at the Matung boom and the Bee once more returned to Wuhu. From that time until she came to Shanghai the Bee spent her time plying between here and that city.

Royal Sailor

Perhaps the most famous personality to serve aboard the vessel was the Duke of Kent, fourth son of the late King George V. and brother of the present King. As Prince George he was a familiar figure in British circles in Hankow where he was known and respected for his democratic principles and for the fact that he asked no favours, sharing the same life as all other officers and men on the Yangtze station and aboard the Bee.

Possessing as great a reputation in Yangtze circles as H.M.S. Robin on the Pearl River, H.M.S. Bee was a familiar sight to all British and other residents up and down the Yangtze and in the port of Shanghai itself. As she finishes a long term of faithful service the words "Well done" must be written boldly over her records.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

H.M.S. Bee Ends Distinguished Career

After 20 years' service on the Yangtze during which she served as flagship of the British Yangtze Flotilla, H.M.S. Bee is being decommissioned. The gunboat is seen alongside the Yangtzepoo Dock where her guns were removed. Below, two of the many Admirals who served in her. Left, Rear-Admiral L. G. E. Crabbe, right, Rear-Admiral F. G. G. Chilton.

Commission Claimed on Oil Firm Deal

Kwang Wha Company Sued By Pole for $112,000

The claim for $112,500 commission made by a Pole named S. J. Delewski against the Kwang Wha Petroleum Company, a former Chinese oil firm in Shanghai which was sold to the Standard Oil Company of New York through the alleged introduction of the claimant, was denied yesterday in the First Special District Court by the lawyer for the defence. The counter claim was that the plaintiff had nothing to do with the deal.

The Pole recently filed a civil action against the Chinese oil company stating that through his efforts the company was able to dispose of its properties valued at more than $4,000,000 in May of 1936. He alleged that the Chinese firm had failed to pay him the 2.5 per cent. commission verbally promised by the manager King Chien-kun, who is believed to be now living in an outport.

As the case is a rather complicated one involving a large sum of money, and in the absence of the manager of the Chinese firm, the court did not reach a decision yesterday postponing the hearing to the next spring when investigations are expected to throw some more light on the case.

Lord Mayor's Fund

The Committee of the British Fund for Relief in China, administering the Lord Mayor's Fund, London, acknowledge with thanks the following donations received locally since September 7, 1938:—

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Mrs. Roosevelt Will Pay "Charity Tax"

Income Levy to Be Paid On All Money Earned

Washington, Dec. 12.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt today announced that she would pay income tax this year on all money she has earned for charity. She had made this decisions despite a Treasury ruling that income from her work for organized charities was tax exempt if paid directly to the charity involved.

Mrs. Roosevelt said that she had decided to receive all the money for her work, pay the tax and give the remainder to the charities involved. Her conclusions, she said, was based on her own interpretation of the "spirit of the income tax laws."—United Press.

New Finnish Foreign Minister Appointed

Helsinki, Dec. 12.

M. Eljas Erkko was appointed today the new Foreign Minister of Finland, replacing M. Rudolf Holsti, who resigned. M. Erkko is the well-known owner of the newspaper, "Helsingin Wanomai."—Havas.

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Miss Jean McLean Martin

The Bubbling Well Chapel was filled to overflowing yesterday afternoon when funeral services were held for the late Miss Jean McLean Martin. The Very Reverend Dean A.C.S. Trivett, of the Holy Trinity Cathedral, conducted the last rites. The deceased was for many years connected with the Shanghai Municipal Council in the capacity of Matron of the Municipal Police Isolation Hospital for Chinese. The services were well attended by both foreign and Chinese members of the hospital staff.

Dr. J. H. Jordan, Commissioner of Public Health, attended with high officials of the Shanghai Municipal Council and Police. A detachment of Sikh and Chinese Police under Assistant Commissioner W. E. Fairburn lined the pathway to the grave as a mark of last respect. The pallbearers were Messrs. A. Fanthorpe, L. H. Barton, R. Baxter, C. H. Mahon, C. N. Brown and C. Carr. A cross of white flowers from the deceased's family was lowered on the coffin into the grave. Among others sending flowers were:—

Ethel; Glen; Johnnie and Sam; Louie and Phyllis; Madeleine; Suzanne; Smith and Buchanan; Shanghai Municipal Council; Her Sisters of the Policee Hospital; the Matrons and the Foreign Nursing Staff of the S.M.C. the Administration Branch, Public Health Department; the Chinese Nursing Staff of the S.M.C.; the Chinese Nursing Staff, Municipal Goal Hospital; Nursing Staff Sinza Road Chinese Isolation Hospital; Chinese Female Nurses, Police Hospital; Chinese Male Nurses, Police Hospital; All Nurses of the Municipal Goal Hospital; Chinese Medical Staff, Public Health Department, S.M.C.; Members of the Chinese Branch S.M.P.; Members of the Sikh Branch S.M.P.; the Shanghai Fire Brigade; Dr. J. H. Blakelock; Mrs. J. H. Blakelock; Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Choi; Dr. and Mrs. Y. J. Cieh; Mr. T. Crosthwaite; Dr. and Mrs. S. T. Hsiu; Vera Hsoroff and Mansie Johnston; Miss Dobbie and Miss Henny; Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Duck; Dr. B. P. Gringut; Mr. and Mrs. S. U. Huang; Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Wong; Flatt, Hiliman and Liang; Dr. J. H. Jordan; Drs. Jackson and Partners; Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Kwauk; Miss Grace Kwei and Miss Dorothy Arnold; Mrs. K. Lent and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lent; Sir Allan and Lady Mossop; the Members of Drs. Marshall and Partners; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ollerdessen and family; Mrs. Helen Perry; Mr. and Mrs. Alexis Stzepensky; Mrs. Daniel J. Webb; Wong Vee-sing; Mr. and Mrs. D. K. F. Yapp; Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Zau; S. P. Interpreter Piara Singh, S. P. Cook No. 33 Lashman Singh, S. P. Cook No. 4 Sundir Singh and M. Cook No. 35 Fatch Mohd; Russian Watchman; Chang Ming-tuh, Sou Ding-pu, Hsu Zee-ping, Sieh Ding-loong, Kuo Ni-fah, Koo Tsze-lee, Wong Ah-mao and Low Fooh-dow; Wong Kyung-foh. Wong Ah-ngoo, Tsoo Zee-ling, Ling Yee-loong, Wong Yung-kong, Taung Zoey-chong, Chiang Siao-ming and Loh Tsing-dong; Dora Wong, Y. I. Lee and N. Z. Chow; Wang Ah-fao, Soong Ah-zai, Sung Ka-chi, Fan Foo-chuen, Soong Hung-chi, Sung Ah-san; Li Ah-su, Taung Sun-tz, Zee Mong-wo, Lu Yung-kong, Sung Yung-chong and Wong Kwen-zee; Wong Shee-tsing, Yang Teh-tsiang, Ma Bing-chin, Wong Bai-ching, Wong Tsi-zung and Tseu Tsang-fah; Fan Fo-chuan; Zen Ah-sun; Loong Ah-foo; Tsoong Ah-chai; Tong Chuan-chih; Chien Vong-woo; Lee Ah-zee; Zen Yung-chong; Loh Young-kong; Wong Kong-chuan; Ling Yee-loon; Waung King-foo; Tung Sao-chong, Wong Yung-kong; Low King-dao; Wan Van-ching; Char Chun-ling; Chung Su-ming; Kwah Li-tah; Koo Chi-lien; Wong Ah-moo; Zee Shih-pong; Loo Foo-dor; Chang Ming-dah; Schu Ding-bau; Shih Ting-long; Young Teh-chung; Kao Shih-zen; Wong Pei-ching; Moo Ping-chen; Chow Chung-fah; Waung Chi-chong; Zen Kai-gee; Tsoong Hung-gee; and others.

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Milliard-Mark Levy on German Jews Must Be Paid Tomorrow

Semitic Owners of Securities Must Surrender All; Berlin Communique on Policy Disbelieved in U.S.

Berlin, Dec. 13.

THE first instalment of the milliard mark levy imposed on the Jews for the murder of Herr Ernst von Rath, Secretary of the German Embassy in Paris, by a Jewish youth, must be paid by December 15, according to a decree issued here yesterday. Jews, adds the decree, must deposit by then all their shares and securities with German banks entitled to deal in foreign currencies.

Jewish owners, it says, are not allowed to withdraw from their safe-deposits or to dispose of any of their belongings without a permit. The new decree stipulates that the instalment must be paid in cash but that where it is impossible, the bank must hand to the authorities shares sufficient to meet the obligation.—Reuter.

Berlin, Dec. 12.

Semi-official D. N. B. news agency's lengthy survey of the Jewish problem in the Reich, released today, was meant for consumption abroad only and was not published in Germany, observers noted tonight.

Special anti-Semitic measures taken by the Prefect of the Berlin Police, who forbade Jews access to certain streets and districts, have not been recalled despite the lenient tone of D.N.B. survey.

The survey alleged that all measures taken by the Reich against Jews were aimed only to facilitate Jewish immigration to other countries.

Meanwhile, a communique issued by the authorities announced today that the movements of Jews would be further restricted since they would be forbidden entry to a few more districts of the city.

At present, no Jews are to be seen venturing on streets or in districts placed under the official ban. They observe the official orders even more strictly in their application to cafes, restaurants, cinemas and theatres.—Havas.

New York Sceptical

New York, Dec. 12.

Scepticism was voiced in political circles here today over reports from Berlin that anti-Semitism in Germany will be toned down in the new year.

Politicians were apparently struck by the fact that the semi-official D.N.B. news agency's communique upon the Jewish problem in the Reich was not published in Germany. Though this communique, they pointed out, announced that severe measures would be taken against individuals taking it upon themselves to commit anti-Jewish acts.

"It is there," they stated, "that a typical artifice of German propaganda may be seen; after having encouraged and organized pogroms, the German leaders, intimidated by the indignation of the whole civilized world, now dissimulate their true intentions under a mask of hypocrisy.

"The aim of this manœuvre is to lead foreign Jews to send funds to their fellow Jews in Germany. This blackmail would in the end contribute towards the re-establishment of Germany's financial situation."

Well-informed quarters recalled the private and official initiatives always taken by the United States in attempts to aid persecuted minorities. They added that the U.S. would never agree to this aid profiting the initiators of the persecution.

American boycotts and anti-Nazi manifestations will continue until the Reich radically changes its tactics in treating religious minorities within its frontiers, the same circles added.

Authoritative quarters confirmed that the U.S. Government's attitude also remained unchanged "by the fine words of D.N.B." and that diplomatic relations will remain strained. Until there is a change for the better, there can be no question of Mr. Hugh R. Wilson returning to take up again his post as Ambassador to Germany, they concluded.—Havas.

Kashing District Clear Of Guerillas

Booms in Creeks Removed By Nanking Troops

Kashing, an important city on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway, and various villages in that district, have been cleared of Chinese guerillas as a result of mopping-up operations by "Reformed Government" troops begun on December 9, according to a Chinese report yesterday.

A number of booms placed by these guerillas across creeks in the district were removed several days ago by the First District Detachment of the Kiangsu and Chekiang Bandit Suppression Force, thus greatly facilitating the movement of the steam launches operated by the force.

Until recently Wucheng and another village to the west of Kashing were infested by guerillas, the report stated.

Poland Protests to Prague

Prague, Dec. 12.

Dr. Casimir Papoo, Polish Minister, forwarded a Note to the Czechoslovakian Government today, protesting against certain articles published in the local press and dealing with the Ukrainian question. Several news organs have supported the claims for autonomy made by Ukrainians in Poland and have suggested a solution of the problem at the expense of Warsaw.—Havas.

Maj.-Gen. Telfer-Smollett Promoted

London, Dec. 13.

Major-General A. P. D. Telfer-Smollett, Commander of the British forces in Shanghai, has been appointed Lieutenant Governor of Guernsey and dependencies with effect from June 5, 1939. He succeeds Major-General Sir Edward Nicholson Broadbent, whose term expires next year.

Guernsey is the second in size of the Channel Isles and lies 30 miles from the coast of Normandy.—Reuter.

Buying in Interior is Complicated Affair

Japanese Certificates Hold Up Transportation

Chinese reports reveal that cargo transportation from the interior in Chekiang and Kiangsu to Shanghai is much handicapped by the Japanese control of communications which, in turn, has caused prices of imported goods from the interior to go up. Although in Shanghai the supply can meet demand, prices have been doubled, the reports state.

Shanghai has been depending on the interior for the regular supply of rice, vegetables, fish, shrimps, chickens, ducks, fire-wood and grass. Although merchants have kept this city supplied with these things, they have suffered from the increased freight and are forced to increase their prices when marketing their goods in Shanghai.

Besides obtaining shipping permits from the Japanese, the merchants buying things for Shanghailanders must also arm themselves with "purchase certificates" entitling them to buy things in the interior. Merchants in the interior who wish to come to Shanghai to sell their goods must also have their "transportation certificates" issued by Japanese authorities in occupied districts.

Japanese-managed transportation firms are stated to have sprung up "like spring bamboo shoots after rain." They number about 20 in Shanghai and they are alleged to be offering exceptionally high prices for their services.

SCORES of well-known actors, and numberless playgoers, must have owed their first taste of Shakespeare to that grand old man, Sir Frank Benson, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday. For over 30 years his company toured the United Kingdom, and he organized no fewer than 26 festivals at Stratford. During his acting career he was never known to lose his self-possession on the stage. Once his memory failed him completely halfway through a soliloquy in "Lear." He improvised so perfectly in the Shakespearean manner that he left the stage amid applause. "Or words to that effect," he murmured to the gaping prompter as he went into the wings.

Reichsbank Chief To Visit London

Dr. Schacht Invited by Bank of England Head; Speculations Roused

Berlin, Dec. 13.

It was semi-officially announced yesterday that Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, will pay a private visit to Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, in London this week.

The visit, the announcement added, will follow the monthly meeting of the Bank of International Settlements at Basle, of which Mr. Montagu Norman is a Director, which began yesterday.—Reuter.

Keen Interest in London

London, Dec. 13.

The impending visit of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht President of the Reichsbank, to London is the result of arrangements begun some time ago between him and Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, personally, according to Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

There is no official information, he says, regarding the subjects which will be discussed but no startling outcome is anticipated.

A wide area, continues the correspondent, will doubtless be covered and it is thought that Dr. Schacht may make some offer regarding the financial conditions of Jewish and other refugees evacuating Germany.

The day of Dr. Schacht's arrival has not been announced but it is believed to be Wednesday.

In City circles, meanwhile, the visit is arousing very keen interest and much conjecture.

Trade Parleys Hinted

According to recent reports in the British press, informal conversations have been proceeding for some months, through unofficial but recognized channels, for a new Anglo-German trade agreement.

During the exploratory talks, according to the "Financial News," the British attitude has been that no agreement is worth while unless it included in its scope, not only direct trading relations between the two countries, but also their respective positions in world markets.

Germany, however, is believed to wish to confine the discussion within the narrower limits of direct trade of the two countries.

It is considered that Dr. Schacht's visit may partly be designed to bridge the gap between the two diverging views, although it is possible that the talks merely concern many routine matters arising between the central banks of Great Britain and Germany.—Reuter.

Small Fire Destroys Down-Town Godown

Shortly before midnight on Monday, a fire broke out in a small godown at 110 Foochow Road where a quantity of cotton-yarn and silk was destroyed by the flames. Machines from Central Station were on the scene for nearly an hour before the buildings in the vicinity were out of danger.

OBITUARY

Rev. Charles Barraclough

The death is reported with regret in London on Sunday, December 11, of the Rev. Charles Barraclough, formerly Mr. Charles Wedemeyer, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., for many years.

The late Mr. Barraclough retired from the service of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. some ten years ago, studied for the Church, and eventually took holy orders as a licensed preacher of the Church of England.

While in China Mr. Barraclough took a very active interest in the Amateur Dramatic Society plays in Shanghai, for several years his personality on the stage being easily distinguished by his great height. He also took a great interest in volunteering and was a Volunteer officer in Shanghai for several years.

While Mr. Wedemeyer was with Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. he was usually employed in their shipping business, and for several years while they were agents for the Canadian Pacific Railway passenger steamers, Mr. Wedemeyer was in complete charge of the Canadian Pacific liners, despatching them with the greatest regularity on every occasion, and this continued up to the summer of 1904 when the C.P.R. took over the agency on their own. Mr. Wedemeyer served in several of the agencies of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. and was in charge of their Dairen office in 1917; about the end of the Great War he changed his name to Charles Barraclough.

The late Mr. Barraclough was what may be honestly called a very decent man, harmless to others at all times and willing to help anyone. The passing of this old Eastern hand whose memories remain fresh is deeply regretted, and to his son, Mr. E. S. Barraclough, one of the seniors of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ld., very sincere and deep sympathies are extended.

Japan's Trade with Yen Bloc Countries

Favourable Balance Shown In Official Figures

Tokyo, Dec. 13.

Japan's trade with Yen bloc countries, including Manchoukuo and China, from January to November inclusive, has ended with the favourable balance of Y. 543,593,000, according to the official figures which have been released by the Finance Ministry.

Japan's trade with Manchoukuo, China, Antung Leased Territory and Hongkong totalled Y. 500,501,000 imports and Y. 1,056,598,000 exports, with the excess of exports over imports at Y. 556,097,000.

With Hongkong, during the period under review, Japan's trade amounted to Y. 1,233,000 imports and Y. 14,737,000 exports.

Well-informed circles believe that Japan's trade with Yen bloc countries will this year result in a favourable balance of Y. 630,000,000.

Japan's trade with other foreign countries, however, showed an excess of imports over exports to the amount of Y. 580,000,000.—Reuter.

World Missionary Council Opens

475 Delegates from 64 Countries Attend at Madras Conference

Madras, Dec. 13.

The breakdown in solemn agreements and established order in the world was deplored by Dr. John R. Mott, Chairman of the International Missionary Council, in a speech at the opening of the World Missionary Conference here yesterday.

No less than 475 delegates from 64 countries were present, including Chinese, Japanese, Africans, Indians, Jews and Arabs from Palestine, a delegation from the German Evangelical Church, and one archbishop and eleven bishops.

The gathering presented a colourful picture, many of the delegates wearing the picturesque costumes of their countries.

The Conference is noteworthy as being the first in which the churches of the East and West are represented in parity.

Dr. Nott declared that the delegates had assembled at one of the most fateful moments in the life of mankind. He referred to the widespread disintegration of moral ideas and authority, making it necessary to fight the battle for religious freedom over again.

No Time for Despair

They, however, he added, did not despair, because they knew that their attitude must be adventurous, forward-looking and forward-moving.

The Conference will last until the end of the month.

Churches of all denominations, with the exception of the Roman Catholic, are participating in the Conference.

The Chinese delegates include Dr. Cheng Ching-yi, moderator of the Church of Christian China; Dr. Chao Tsu-chen, Professor of Philosophy in Yenching University, Peiping; Dr. T. Z. Koo, known throughout Europe and America as a speaker to students; and Dr. Wu Yi-fang, woman president of Ginling College and Chairman of the National Christian Council of China.

The leader of the Japanese delegation is the world-famous social reformer and author, Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa.—Reuter.

A PRIVATE member's motion by Mr. Vyvyan Adams (Con. Leeds W) to abolish the death penalty for an experimental period of five years, was carried in the House of Commons recently by 114 votes to 89. The Government are now to be asked to include in Sir Samuel Hoare's Bill a section to give effect to the experiment. Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, Under-Secretary for Home Affairs, said in the debate that in the view of the Government the experimental period, a sort of halfway house, was a mistake. If any change was to be made it should be abolition out-right. Such legislation was not justified by the general sentiment of the public.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Shelaeff Completely Outboxed By Clever Ring Veteran

George Salvadore Wins Easy Decision; Superior Infighting Defeats Russian Lad

San Francisco, Dec. 12.

TEN years of experience gained against the leading American fighters and expert and deadly infighting tactics helped George Salvadore, veteran Texas welterweight, to beat Andre Shelaeff, Oriental welterweight champion, in the eight round main event at Dreamland Auditorium tonight. Weighing 146 pounds, he did not permit Shelaeff, who tipped the scales at 144, to open up or land effectively at long range. Relying on his brilliant ringcraft and his close defensive tactics, the veteran battler completely outmanœuvred the youthful Russian from Shanghai. Throughout the fight he tied up the "Harbin Wonder Boy." He puzzled him with his grand defence, his bobbing and weaving tactics which made him an extremely difficult target to hit.

The only time he would permit Shelaeff to get to him was when he wanted to manœuvre the Russian into position for infighting. Once they started their infighting, Salvadore would land ten blows to one. He swarmed all over the Russian at close quarters, punishing Shelaeff with stinging blows to the ribs and stomach.

Salvadore landed effectively and quickly, jabbing with great force to the midriff and sending in punishing rips to the heart.

Shelaeff Fights Hard

Shelaeff, however, fought hard. He was game and despite some terrible punishment he stood up and slugged, hoping against hope to land his famous and deadly right.

Although Shelaeff did tag his foe with several staggering blows to the jaw, Salvadore recovered immediately and prevented the Russian from following up and taking advantage of his dizzy condition.

The veteran also caused the Russian to reel when he opened up a barrage with both hands, but Salvadore was not willing to take chances and his long range attacks were far and few in between.

While Shelaeff's youth and better condition were expected to be the deciding factor, he proved too slow and somewhat disheartened in the closing rounds. Both, however, were feeling the strain in the final rounds, for both were tired and somewhat slow on their feet. Salvadore, despite being the more fatigued of the two, continued to pepper his younger rival with body blows and scored heavily in the last two rounds during the infighting.

Salvadore Clever

Salvadore was in excellent condition, probably in far better trim than he had been in his last few fights.

He fought a clever fight, planning every move and it was his ringcraft which did much to defeat the rugged and hard-hitting youth from Shanghai.

Realizing that Shelaeff was no match for him when it came to infighting, Salvadore naturally forced the Russian to fight at close quarters. Shelaeff fell for the trap and only suffered.

Although Shelaeff continued to press, Salvadore's continual and successful body attacks weakened the Russian and caused him to lose much steam. Despite improved timing, Shelaeff was still a trifle wild at long range, and Salvadore had no difficulty in slipping most of the punches shot at him.

Seelig Disappointed

Heinrich Seelig, manager of the Russian lad, was somewhat disappointed over the result of the fight.

"We made a mistake perhaps, but we learned something," he said.

"Shelaeff should not have permitted Salvadore to use his infighting strategy."

The portly German manager, however indicated that Shelaeff was not discouraged and that he would seek a return fight against Salvadore after his fighter has had few more bouts here.—United Press.

Ski Club Holds Annual Meeting

Plans Being Made for Trip To Japan Towards End of Next Month

At the annual general meeting of the Ski and Winter Sports Club of China the following Officers were elected:—president; Mr. E. Fontanel, Charge d'Affaires and Consul General for Switzerland, president; Mr. W. Holzaepfel, chairman; Dr. J. H. Blakelock, vice-chairman; Miss A. Witschi, hon. treasurer; Mr. W. B. Hughes, Imperial Chemical Industries, P.O. Box 252, Shanghai, hon. secretary.

On account of the hostilities only about 25 members went to Japan last season, but the usual open ski races were held in February and Shanghai Competitors took part. The first prize in the Ladies Race went to a Shanghai lady, a member of the club.

It is expected that a very much larger party will leave for Shiga Heights at the end of January, when snow conditions are at their best. An increasing number of sportsmen are glad to take their holidays in the winter now that comfortable accommodation is available.

Former Ski Champion There

The former Austrian ski champion will be staying at the Shiga hotel for Christmas. An endeavour is being made to persuade him to visit Shiga in February when the main party from Shanghai will be there. There are, however, Japanese guides and teachers who can give lessons. The more experienced members also devote some time to the tuition of novices. As usual, members of the German community will be in the majority, but already a strong British contingent has been formed, and anyone interested, expert or novice, will be welcomed.

The disappearance near Shiga of Lieut. Peacocke, a visitor from Singapore, whose body has not been found up to now, has prompted the committee to approach the authorities concerned with reference to first aid and rescue work and also to the better marking of the routes, with a view to preventing skiing accidents. An up-to-date rescue sleigh is being built by the Shiga Heights Hotel. However, skiing accidents such as the disappearance of Lieut. Peacocke are very rare in Japan and should not deter visitors from making skiing trips provided such are made in good weather and the necessary equipment is used.

Seabiscuit Voted Best Racehorse

New York, Dec. 12.

Charles S. Howard's Seabiscuit, conqueror of War Admiral in one of the most spectacular match races in turf history, today was proclaimed the outstanding race horse of 1938 in a nation-wide poll of sports writers in the United States conducted by the Turf and Sport Digest of Baltimore.

The rugged five-year-old son of Hard Tack and Swing On was named champion over Samuel Ruddle's Man-O'-War's four-old son, War Admiral, who last year just beat Seabiscut for the season's highest turf honours.—United Press.

Night Baseball for American League

New York, Dec. 12.

Night baseball in the American circuit is expected to be a major subject of discussion during the three-day session of the major league meeting which opens tomorrow at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

The Cleveland, Philadelphia and St. Louis clubs are understood to want the night game in the American League on the same basis that the nocturnal sport is played in the National League.—United Press.

British Chess Team for World Title Play

Selection Now Considered Unusually Strong

London, Dec. 12.

The British team for the international chess tournament at Buenos Aires in 1939 was announced today.

Sir George Thomas will captain the team which consists of Alexander H. Golombek, the British champion, E. S. Sergeant, and P. S. Milner-Barry.

The four men ranked as the first four in the last British championship and are regarded as unusually strong representatives of Britain.—United Press.

Oxford U. Beats Trinity College, Dublin

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 12.

In a Rugby Union match played today, Oxford University defeated Trinity College, Dublin, by 13 points to 3.—Reuter.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

French Rugby Advance

Pellegry passing to Dr. Brouste in an attacking movement near the British Forces' goal line in Sunday's game at the Race Course which the French Forces won narrowly.

New Bowling Mark Established

Mrs. Jensen Makes Triple Of 343; Columbia Club Beats American Club

Winning all three games from the German Club yesterday, the Women's Sports Section of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. further strengthened their position in the Inter-Club Ladies Duck Pin League. The "Y" were not in top form but bowled well enough to defeat their opponents handily by scores of 439-306, 449-401, and 450-416.

The "Reds" of the Columbia Country Club had a close fight against the American Club and succeeded in winning only two games. The first string was won by the Americans by a difference of four pins, 453-449. The Reds came back to garner the second game by a margin of five pins at 476-471. In the third and deciding tussle the Columbians ran away by 500-476.

Two competitors stood out in this nip-and-tuck encounter. Mrs. Jensen, third bowler on the American side, established a new triple record in the League by a tally of 343, eclipsing Mrs. Schuster's mark of 330. She started out with 102, then made 118, and finally wound up with 123.

Miss McIntyre of the Reds also turned in a good score of 321. She rolled 105 in the first game, 115 in the second but slipped away in the third by getting 97.

The "Blues" of the Columbia Country Club experienced no difficulty to trounce the Marine Ladies, 3-0, and tied with the Reds in team standing, each having 14 wins and eight losses. The defeat put the Marines further down in the League and they are certain to finish last.

Y.M.C.A.

Mrs. Zee	85	80	—	165
Mrs. Kwok	89	81	98	268
Miss Lemp	79	97	97	273
Miss Volein	108	92	89	289
Mrs. Horton	78	109	82	269
Mrs. Collaco	—	—	84	84
	439	449	450	1,338

German Club

Mrs. Wieda	86	80	84	250
Mrs. Limann	82	79	87	248
Mrs. Eggers	74	77	84	239
Mrs. Sachs	78	79	69	226
Mrs. Lindner	86	86	92	264
	406	401	416	1,223

C.C.C. Blues

Mrs. Dalton	102	91	88	281
Mrs. Gray	94	89	89	272
Miss Kimball	82	106	89	277
Mrs. Cardwell	93	101	96	290
Mrs. Schuster	101	105	102	308
	472	492	464	1,428

Marine Ladies

Mrs. Allen	95	87	88	270
Mrs. Johnston	85	85	78	248
Mrs. Hommel	91	84	76	251
Mrs. Coffman	95	81	74	250
Mrs. Krulak	89	87	82	258
	455	424	393	1,277

C.C.C. Reds

Mrs. McClellan	97	88	98	283
Mrs. Freeman	79	96	92	267
Miss McIntyre	109	115	97	321
Mrs. Putnam	79	87	103	269
Mrs. Geibel	85	90	110	285
	449	476	500	1.425

American Club

Mrs. Evans	90	90	87	267
Mrs. Lamneck	81	94	89	264
Mrs. Jensen	102	118	123	343
Mrs. Deegan	92	87	80	259
Mrs. D. Nance	88	82	97	267
	453	471	476	1,400

Dower Wins British Squash Title

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 13.

Mr. C. C. Gandar Dower, of Bath Club, a prominent all-round sportsman, won the amateur squash rackets championship of Great Britain yesterday. He defeated D. I. Burnett, the Army champion, by 2-9, 10-8, 9-6, and 10-8 in one of the most closely contested finals in many years.—Reuter.

Big Chess Tournament Begins Here Today

Over Seventy Players to Participate

The biggest single chess tournament as yet played in Shanghai will begin at the International Chess Club's premises, Foreign Y.M.C.A., at 8 p.m. today when more than seventy participants, representing all the chess clubs of Shanghai, will contest their opening games in the first round of the all-Shanghai qualification tournament.

This important event is organized by an inter-club committee consisting of representatives of the International Chess Club, the Russian Chess Association, the Jewish Chess Club and the Polish Chess Circle. The tournament is planned as a permanent yearly contest for the purpose of establishing the qualification of the participants and will therefore be played in four categories.

Those players who win 40 per cent. or more, of all the possible points will retain their present "grades," while those winning 66 per cent. or more, will be entitled to ascend into the next higher group. The qualification or promotion thus gained will held good for the annual Shanghai championship and other classified tournaments to be held in the spring of 1939.

The organization committee hopes that all chess players and friends of the game will avail themselves of the opportunity to witness this interesting contest.

Armoured Car Company Shows Marksmanship

"A" Company Defeated in Shooting Contest

During their annual camp at the Rifle Range, "A" Company, the Mih-Ho-Loong Rifles, S.V.C. held a shooting competition against the Armoured Car Company, S.V.C. which the latter won by a margin of 38 points. The scores were as follows:—

"A" Company

Capt. H. P. Krogh	101
Cpl. D. C. Palfreemen	100
Lieut. G. T. Gambling	99
Cpl. R. N. Bryant	97
Cpl. E. H. Blandy	96
Cpl. J. A. Tibble	94
Pte. H. J. Christensen	89
Pte. J. A. Chalmers	89
Sgt. A. Green	83
Cpl. G. A. Williams	66
Total	914

Armoured Car Coy.

Lieut. C. L. Hill	109
Pte. G. C. Large	104
Pte. H. E. Harris	104
Cpl. J. S. Blanford	97
Lieut. W. D. Pearson	95
C.S.M. H. F. Pringle	94
Pte. V. W. Ribbons	92
Cpl. K. R. Aiers	88
Sgt. F. R. L. Carey	87
Lieut. J. M. Houghton	82
Total	952

Everton Will Meet Derby in F.A. Cup

Leading Teams Drawn to Clash; Arsenal to Play Chelsea in 3rd Round

London, Dec. 13.

Derby and Everton, two of the strongest teams in the First Division of the English League, have been drawn against each other in the third round of the F. A. Cup, which is to be played off on January 7.

Derby are at present leading in the Championship race, with Everton a close second.

Another interesting struggle should be the match between Chelsea and Arsenal, while Sunderland, the holders of the Cup, have drawn Plymouth, a second division side.

The complete draw is as follows:

Sheffield Wednesday *v.* Folkestone or Yeovil and Petters
West Bromwich *v.* Manchester United
Portsmouth *v.* Lincoln
Brentford *v.* Newcastle
Southport *v.* Doncaster
Liverpool *v.* Luton
Barnsley *v.* Stockport or Walthamstow Ave.
Chester or Hull *v.* Coventry
York *v.* Millwall
Derby *v.* Everton
Blackburn *v.* Swansea
Chelsea *v.* Arsenal
Sunderland *v.* Plymouth
Aston Villa *v.* Ipswich
Leeds *v.* Bournemouth
Newport *v.* Walsall
Queen's Park Rangers *v.* West Ham
Leicester *v.* Stoke
Runcorn *v.* Preston
Tottenham *v.* Watford
Chelmsford *v.* Southampton
Cardiff *v.* Charlton
Norwich *v.* Manchester City
Birmingham *v.* Halifax or Mansfield
Chesterfield *v.* Southend
Huddersfield *v.* Notts Forest
Wolverhampton *v.* Bradford
Fulham *v.* Bury
Blackpool *v.* Sheffield United
Middlesbrough *v.* Bolton
Grimsby *v.* Tranmere
Notts County *v.* Burnley.—Reuter.

Badminton Match Won By Clube Lusitano

Clube Lusitano defeated the Union Church in a first division men's doubles badminton match by seven sets to two at Clube Lusitano on Monday. Results were:

B. V. de Senna and C. A. da Silva beat H. E. Eardley and L. C. Kew by 13-15, 15-14, 15-12.

A. S. Costa and A. C. Sequeira beat G. D. Chelmis and L. G. Shellam 11-15, 15-12, 15-13.

C. C. Squires and A. V. Guterres beat A. A. White and L. F. Stokes 15-10, 15-10, 15-14.

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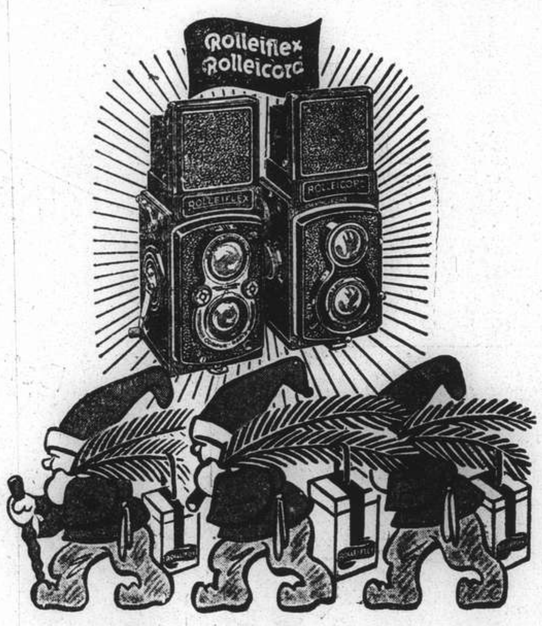

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Club to Test French Forces

Interesting Rugby Programme of Five Matches Arranged for Week-end

THE three remaining games of the Invitation Series form the feature matches of this week-end's rugby programme, which consists, in all, of five interesting clashes, two being scheduled for Saturday and three for Sunday. The Invitation Series has caused lively interest during the past month among local followers of the handling code and this week-end's events will decide the eventual winners of each section. The following official tables giving the results of matches played up to and including last Sunday show that everything depends on the final games, although in the event of the Club taking the measure of the French Forces, the premier group will end in a triple tie.

FIRST SECTION

British Services 1st XV 12, Club 1st XV 11.

British Services 1st XV 3, French Forces 4.

SECOND SECTION

Club 2nd XV 18, British Services 2nd XV 5.

Tung Wen College 1st XV 49, British Services 2nd XV 4.

THIRD SECTION

Club 3rd XV 17, British Services 3rd XV 0.

Police 14, British Services 3rd XV 3.

Important Match

In what promises to be the best game of the programme, the Club 1st XV takes on the French Forces 1st XV at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Both sides have a great deal at stake, a win for the French giving them the right to term themselves the premier Shanghai side, while success for the Club will prevent their becoming holders of the "wooden spoon" in the first section of the Invitation Series, which would then finish up in a triple tie.

The Club is not at full strength, White and Burch being unable to turn out owing to injuries. The latter player, incidentally, is not likely to be seen out again this season, having sustained a broken leg in last Saturday's match and the Club will most certainly miss the services of this very hard-working forward, who has turned in consistently good performances since the season began.

Nevertheless, the Club's outsides present a real menace to the French and with their straight running and hard driving tactics are likely to find vulnerable gaps in the Forces' defence. On the other hand the Frenchmen can be relied upon to put up a terrific struggle throughout the game, and their able marking, keen tackling and aggressive forward tactics may cause the civilians a fair amount of trouble. Whichever way the result goes it is not thought that the final score will show much advantage to the winning side.

At 3.30 p.m. the same day the Police meet the Club 3rd XV to decide the eventual winners of their group, and while both fifteens accounted for the British Services in a rather easy manner, it is difficult to predict who will emerge victors. The Police have the weight and will to carry them through and may probably indulge in forward play throughout, and these tactics may disconcert the Club, whose backs are admittedly better than those of their opponents. On the face of things this game should prove to be a stern struggle between the Police pack and the Club outsides.

Sunday's Play

A combined Police and Seaforths team will oppose the junior side of the French Forces at 2.15 p.m. on Sunday in what should prove to be a good game, with the former well favoured to win.

At 3 p.m. the unbeaten and untied Tung Wen College 1st XV will endeavour to maintain its excellent record against the Club 2nd XV, but for the first time this season they are meeting a side that is more than likely to be too good for them.

The Japanese have improved tremendously since their first appearance this year and the wonderful displays of first-class handling, passing, running and scrummaging have earned them considerable praise, but they will have to be at their best on Sunday to defeat the Club, which contains a smooth handling set of determined threes and a very hardworking pack. It will come as no surprise to see the Club successful, but if the collegians are able to maintain their winning sequence by a convincing margin, then they must in future, be matched by teams now forming the first group of the Invitation Series.

Following this game, a useful Club 4th XV will take the field against the always popular Area Details in a game that the soldiers should win without much difficulty.

SATURDAY

3 p.m.—Club 1st XV *v.* French 1st XV (Referee: G. S. Dunkley) (Invitation Series).

3.30 p.m.—Club 3rd XV *v.* Police 1st XV (Referee: D. W. Leach) (Invitation Series).

SUNDAY

2.15 p.m.—Police/Seaforths XV *v.* French Forces 2nd XV (Referee: E. R. West).

3 p.m.—Club 2nd XV *v.* Tung Wen College (Referee: R. D. K. Silby) (Invitation Series).

3.30 p.m.—Club 4th XV *v.* Area Details (Referee: G. D. Nicholl).

Club Teams

CLUB FIRST:—W. H. B. Rigg; J. W. M. Martin, A. P. D. Kennedy, R. H. Roe, P. J. A. Innes; G. M. Mills, T. R. Basset; W. D. Pearson, J. F. Burford, R. A. O. Mayne, A. M. Kennedy (captain), G. G. Brown, W. J. Richmond, R. U. Reynolds and P. B. Tay.

CLUB SECOND:—J. L. R. Mair; I. M. Hutchison, A. S. Read, C. T. Crowe, O. P. Edwards! B. R. Brown, J. A. McGregor; F. W. Dunhill, M. N. Speyer (captain), G. A. Yanus, J. D. Sayle, J. March. J. R. M. Warner, D. M. Wheeler and W. V. K. Chadwick.

CLUB THIRD:—W. P. Hetherington; E. S. Blackwood, R. N. Bryant, S. J. Ward, B. H. McMichael; A. Thomas, R. Laird; M. O. Liddell, R. J. Lucas, A. Mabb, A. L. A. Bonbernard (captain), J. R. Blaikie, L. D. M. Beattie, F. R. L. Carey and F W. Gilbert.

CLUB FOURTH:—A. R. Richards; P. E. Young, G. E. Bennett (captain), K. Okimoto, E. A. J. Fabian; L. R. St. Louis. S. M. Thornley; T. D. Adams, F. W. Poate, R. J. Sheppard, J. W. Chapman, E. G. Davis, E. Lang, R. A. Calder and C. H. Hodgman.

RESERVES FOR ALL GAMES:—R. Dickinson, P. S. Hawkins, C. J. Guignard. L. G. Shellam, R. G. Sayle, F. W. Geurtz, J. Havtorn and E. E. Hudson.

Those selected, including reserves, to turn out for Club sides this week-end, and finding themselves unable to play, are requested to inform Mr. A. M. Kennedy (Tel. 12830) before 5 p.m. Friday, in order that arrangements may be made to replace them.

H.M.S. Kent's Golfers Meet Zero Club

Naval Strategy Succeeds In Gaining Draw

Though Jupiter Pluvius did not come up nor the competitors play down to scratch, six officers from H.M.S. Kent and eight Zero Club members had mostly enjoyable golf last Monday afternoon. The Navy's team consisted of Paymstr. Capt. Wethey, Commanders Edwards, Foster Hall and Spears, Maj. Williams and Mr. Winterbottom, while the Club was represented by Baker, Fuller, Gordon, Jolley, McMichael, Mitchell, Sedoon and Woolley.

By strategic grouping of their six players, the Navy was able to tie against eight Club members, being content to lose two Shanghai foursomes while making certain that two worthy exponents of the game would win both three-ball matches.

The Zero Club will see to it that the following addition is duly painted on their Wooden Spoon, which constitutes a permanent golf challenge to the Senior Service:—"March 12, 1938, H.M.S. Kent—Draw."

Friendly Basketball

In a friendly game the U.S.S. Augusta defeated the Headquarters Troops by a score of 48 to 39. Harpold and Schmitz were the chief scorers, each getting six field baskets while the two guards, Yackee and Ford, each countered four times. The sailors led by 24-15 at half-time.

U.S.S. AUGUSTA

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Harpold, f.	6	0	0	12
Schuss, f.	1	0	0	2
Doxey, f.	1	0	1	2
Chirdon, f.	0	0	1	0
Sullivan, f.	0	0	0	0
Holberger, c.	1	1	0	3
Yackee, g.	4	1	1	9
Ford, g.	4	0	0	8
Schmitz, g.	6	0	1	12
	23	2	4	48

HEADQUARTERS

Millar, f.	1	0	1	2
Campbell, f.	0	0	0	0
Rozier, f.	5	1	0	11
Malner, f.	0	0	1	0
Humphries, c.	1	0	0	2
Baker, g.	0	0	0	0
Dingwall, g.	2	0	0	4
Kaufman, g.	10	0	1	20
Semick, g.	0	0	0	0
	19	1	4	39

1st half:—Augusta 24, Hdq. 15.
2nd half:—Augusta 24, Hdq. 24.

Young Pitcher Sold to Detroit Tigers

Seattle, Dec. 12.

Officials of the Seattle Baseball Club announced tonight that Freddie Hutchinson, 19-year-old pitching sensation of the Pacific Coast League last season, has been sold to the Detroit Tigers.

Four Detroit players and an undisclosed amount of cash were involved in the deal.

The announcement of the big deal was contained in a telegram dispatched by Emil Sick, President and owner of the club, from New York.—United Press.

Notre Dame Studies Rose Bowl Foes

Durham, NC., Dec. 12.

Coach Wallace Wade gave the Duke University Blue Devils their first look at Southern California's plays today and then ended the session by warning them that the boys who can block will be the ones on the No. 1 team which is to oppose the Trojans in the annual Rose Bowl clash at Pasadena this New Year's day.—United Press.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Sprightly Recs at Race Course

Markitant and Burenin apparently doing a spring dance in the course of the first division soccer match at the Race Course on Sunday when the East Surreys made a big recovery to defeat the Recs.

Breach of Contract Case Adjourned

Non-Delivery of Cargo Due To War, Forms Action

Judge M. J. Helmick yesterday afternoon adjourned a case for breach of contract brought in the United States Court for China by Mr. A. A. Vinokovroff against the American Trading Co. after an all-day cession.

Mr. Vinokovroff claims an indemnity of U.S.$1,000 for alleged breach of contract in connection with an indent-order for two tons of cocoa butter which he had placed with the defendants on August 12, 1937.

In the witness-box, Mr. Vinokovroff said that he had lived in Shanghai since 1932 and was engaged in supplying various commodities to bakeries and confectioneries in this city. He had placed an order with the defendant's firm as he expected to sell the cocoa butter during the Christmas season which is the best in this particular commodity, the price falling off considerably in February of each year. In his testimony, witness claimed, that he had never been told that the shipment was stopped by cable on August 18, 1937, following the outbreak of hostilities locally and that he only knew of the non-compliance with the terms of delivery as stipulated in the contract when the steamer, which he was told would bring the cargo to Shanghai, arrived here without it.

A number of letters were written by the plaintiff to the defendants asking for a compensation as he could have made a good profit had the merchandise arrived in time. Mr. J. B. Bell, who often acted on behalf of the American Trading Co. in securing business, was alleged by the plaintiff to have himself corrected a draft for such a letter before it was sent to the defendants on November 17, 1937.

In May of this year, witness continued, he wrote another letter to the American Trading Company in which he emphasized that unless $3.000 were paid as compensation for non-observance of contract, within one week, he would have no alternative but to let the matter go to court.

The defendants in turn replied that they demanded of Mr. Vinokovroff to take immediate delivery of the cargo which has since reached Shanghai and that they would hold him responsible for the payment of these goods.

Force Majeure Claimed

Mr. P. S. Gilman, agent of the American Trading Co., told the court that on August 18, he cabled all his branches in the United States and Europe temporarily to suspend all shipments for Shanghai in view of the hostilities.

Mr. P. F. Kops, attorney for the defence, then asked the court to dismiss the case as the delay in delivery was caused by *force majeure* and consequently came under the ruling of one of the conditions of the sales-contract.

Mr. C. S. Franklin, on behalf of the plaintiff, told the court that there was no difficulty in trans-shipping the cargo in Hongkong and that only a delay of about one week would have been caused. In substantiation of this contention, he called Mr. H. R. Semmelink, assistant manager of the local branch of the Java-China-Japan Line, to the witness box, who said that in view of the fact that the quantity of the cargo was very small he believed that there would have been no difficulty in shipping it from Rotterdam after the hostilities had started and that according to past experience it would have taken about one week to effect the trans-shipment at Hongkong.

Mr. D. L. R. Mair, another witness for the plaintiff, who is with the China Navigation Co., said that accommodation for two tons of merchandise could have been found on ships of his company who had never interrupted their regular service to Hongkong.

The case was then adjourned, after an employee of the defendant's firm was questioned and cross-examined.

Britons Lead Hankow's Foreign Population

Over Thousand Foreigners Remain in City

Tokyo, Dec. 13.

Altogether 1,163 foreigners from 30 different countries are now living in Hankow, according to official statistics published here and which are based on information supplied by the Japanese Consulate in that city.

The British community, which counts 279 members, is the most numerous, being followed in order of numerical strength by White Russians, Americans, French, Italians and Germans. The foreign colony also includes Lithuanians, Latvians, Estonians, Bulgarians, Greeks and representatives of other nationalities.

Included in the colony are no fewer than 236 missionaries of various confessions.—Trans-Ocean.

Young Missionary Dies Aiding Refugees

Ichang, Dec. 13.

Miss Carlson, young missionary attached to the Swedish Mission, recently died of dysentery in Shasi, where she had been helping at the refugee camp organized by the mission. Miss Carlson had only been in China for two years.—Reuter.

OBITUARY

Mrs. G. K. Chesterton

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 13.

The death was announced here today of Mrs. Chesterton, widow of the late Mr. G. K. Chesterton, the writer.—Reuter.

Nazi Press Vilifies Mr. Anthony Eden

British Statesman Called "Oxford Dandy, Mannequin"

Berlin, Dec. 12.

The German press today violently attacked Mr. Anthony Eden, former British Foreign Secretary, for his speech on the subject of democracy in New York several days ago.

The "Lokal Anzeiger" exceeded all comments by the violence and rudeness of its attack.

The paper called Mr. Eden the "Oxford dandy who spoke before a meeting of "modern slave traffickers, highway robbers, and dealers in arms."

"This dandy, this mannequin, this too-smartly dressed war-monger dared before the new world to attack the men who in Europe succeeded in resuscitating their former greatness," the paper concluded.—Havas.

Japan's Leaders to Be Told About War

Tokyo, Dec. 13.

At the request of the Privy Council, Lieutenant-General Itagaki, Minister of War, will give to the Privy Councillors tomorrow a detailed explanation of the war situation and also the situation in Japanese-occupied areas in China.—Reuter.

Foreigners in Shasi Undisturbed

Ichang, Dec. 13.

Shasi is reported to be quiet, and there is little business being transacted. The flow of troops through the town has ceased. None of the foreigners in Shasi has moved out.

They are:—J. Mackay, of the Hankow Press Packing Co.; J. K. Wilson, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire; the Rev. J. E. Olsson, and Mrs. Olsson, the Rev. F. A. Wennborg, and Mrs. Wennborg, and the Rev. Carlstrom, of the Swedish Mission; and several American members of the Roman Catholic Mission.—Reuter.

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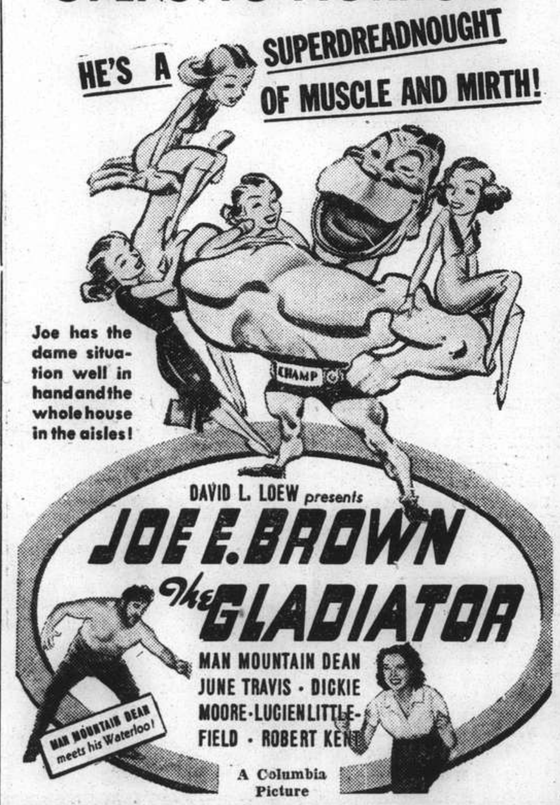
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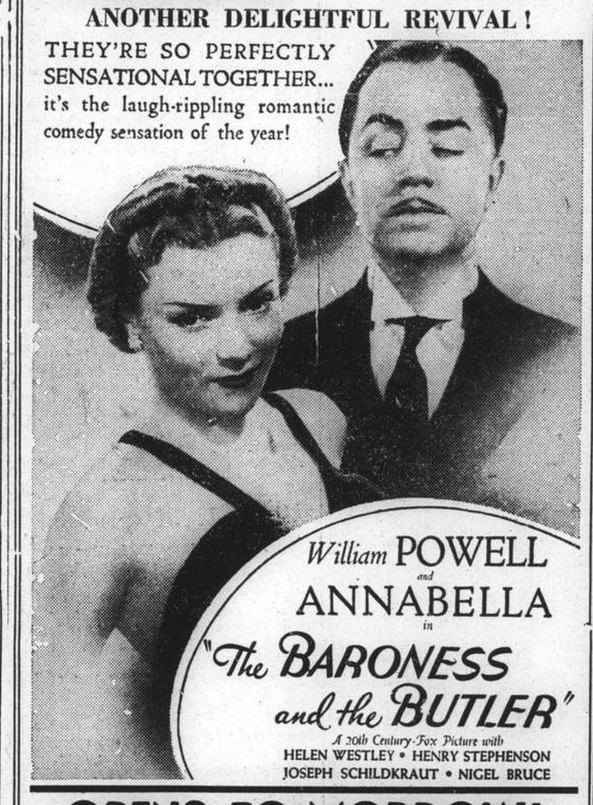
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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1938

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 3/16	$29.31
U.S. $100 @ 15⅞	$629.92

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 5/16	$28.872
U.S. $100 @ 16 3/16	$617.76
London—demand	8 5/16
4 months' sight credits	8 11/32
4 months' sight docts	8 13/32
6 months' sight credits	8⅜
6 months' sight docts	8 7/16
New York—demand	U.S. $16 3/16
4 months' sight credits	16¼
4 months' sight docts	16⅜
Paris—4 months' sight docts	Fcs. nom.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling .... 8 15/64 U.S. $16
Hongkong/London 1/3

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 15⅞ $629.92
Hongkong $54¼ $100.00

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherland Guilders ....Buying 29¾
Java Guilders .... ,, 29¾
Netherlands Guilders ......Selling 29¼
Java Guilders .... ,, 29¼

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying U.S.$100=$620.155 £1=$28.873
Selling U.S.$100=$629.922 £1=$29.313

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 2.92=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.70½=$1
Tourist Lire 3.23 ....$1

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 0.94=$1 Belgas 27.50=£1

Other Quotations

Berlin/Hamburg T.T. $100=Rm. 39½
$100=Reg. Mk. 82.00

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTERBANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	8¼	8 15/64
U.S. G.$	16 1/32	16
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT'S CLOSING RATES

SELLING		BUYING	
Cash		December	
£ T.T.	8 7/32	4 m/s. l.c.	8 5/16
G.$ T.T.	15 15/16	4 m/s. l.c.	16⅛
Fcs. T.T.	608	4 m/s.	622
Rs. T.T.	45⅞	7 d/s.	46½

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	20⅛	19 7/16
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	42¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	Closed	

London silver was ⅛ up for ready and unchanged forward, being 20⅛ for ready and 19 7/16 forward. New York was unchanged at 42¾ and Bombay was closed.

It was reported speculators bought and sold. Business was small. Market steady. After the official fixing the market was quietly steady, with buyers at the fixed rate and sellers at 1/16 over.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8 7/32 sterling and 15 15/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market was very dull and there was no movement. At the opening there were sellers at 8 15/64 sterling and 16 U.S.$, for cash and buyers at 8¼ sterling and 16 1/32 U.S.$, for cash. Conditions were the same at the close. The closing selling rates ready and forward were:

8 15/64 sterling	16.– U.S.$	Cash
8 7/32 ,,	15 31/32 ,,	Dec.
8 13/64 ,,	15 29/32 ,,	Jan., 1939
8 9/64 ,,	15 25/32 ,,	Feb., 1939

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay Rupee T. T. on: Dec. 12.

Japan	78⅝	London	1/5 23/32
New York	287¼	2 mths	
Shanghai	48¼	,, (sellers)	1/5 27/32
Hongkong	86¼ N	,, (buyers)	1/5 57/64

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	466.12	Shanghai	8½d. N.
Paris	177.62	Bangkok	1/10¼
Berlin	11.63	Bombay	1/5 15/16
Amsterdam	8.57	Hongkong	1/3 1/16
Brussels	27.60	Singapore	2/4
Madrid	100.00	Yokohama	1/2
		,, (buying)	unq.
Milan	88.50	C'slovakia	136.06
Berne	20.60	S—sellers. N—nom.	

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.10	Japan	27.20
Spain	Unq.	Shanghai	16.15
Holland	54.37½	Austria	Unq.
Paris	2.62⅜	C'slovakia	3.42⅜
Brussels	16.88	Hungary	19.80
Italy	5.26¼	Rumania	0.74
S'zerland	22.64½	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	24.02½	Greece	0.85¾
Norway	23.43	Bulgaria	1.25
Denmark	20.82	Finland	2.07
Montreal	99.060	Poland	18.89
Brazil	5.95		

London	4.66⅛
,, Demand	4.66 1/16
,, Bankers' 60 days bills	4.65 5/16
,, Commercial 60 days bills	4.65 5/16
Buenos Aires Paper	28.92
Buenos Aires Paper, Market rate	22.55
Montreal on London	4.70 15/16

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: Dec. 12.

Fine Banks Bills	3 months	1%
Bank Bills	6 months	0 13/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0½%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptanecs for 4 months	0 9/16%B 0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Dec. 13	Current 9.45 p.m.	Price 2.45 a.m.
Antamok	.49	.48
Balatoc	9.60	9.60
Benguet Consolidated	13.00	13.00
Coco Grove	.45	.44
Consolidated Mines	.0035	.0035
Demonstration	.26XD	.27
Masbate	.20	.19
North Camarines	.64	.63
San Mauricio	1.68	1.66
Surigao Consolidated	.35	.35
United Paracale	.47	.46

XD—Ex. Dividend.
Turnover: 409,000 Pesos.
Shares Index: 101.98 (closing prices).

Atok	.26	.25
Batong Buhay	.023XR	.021
Ixl	.67	.65
Mine Operations	.14	.13
Suyoc	.19	.19

XR.—Ex. Rights.—Reuter.

Reichsmark Rates

Berlin, Dec. 12.

Reichsmark quotations without guarantee:

New York 40.09, Paris 1525.—, Amsterdam 73.70 to 73.75, London 11.6405.

Paris quoted sterling at 177.46 to 177.52 and the U.S. dollar at 37.99 to 38.01.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Today's market in general stocks was steady with a little less enquiry. There was, however, an improvement in Debentures.

China Realty 8 per cent.: touched a new high level, some Tls. 22,000 being done at Tls. 60.00 and Tls. 63.00.

F.M.C. 6 per cent. 1936: recorded $30,000 at $95.00.

Official Averages

1938 High	Low		Today's Averages	Change
145.26	100.45	General	134.77	+0.84
149.31	95.55	Rubbers	141.72	+0.06

Total 35,423 shares, 588 bonds.

Morning Session

$30,000 F. M. C. 6% Debs. 1936	$95.00
T2,000 China Realty 8% Debs.	T60.00
$500 S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$82.00
$2,000 S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$82.50
T5,000 China Realty 8% Debs.	T63.00
500 S'hai Loan	$6.20
700 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$16.90
1,000 Cathay Land	$2.20
300 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$16.80
500 Yangtsze Finance	$6.55
500 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$16.90
6,000 China Realty	$1.20
40 S'hai Power (Pref)	$120.00
1,800 Tram (Bearer) £1	$38.50
1,000 New Eng. (Ord)	$5.70
1,000 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$16.80
1,000 Tebong	$0.88
2,000 Exploration	$8.25
350 S'hai Dock	$99.00
3,000 Tebong	$0.87
100 Kaiping	$26.25
1,000 Kroewoek	$1.19
100 S'hai Telephone	$69.00
300 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$16.90
500 S'hai Land	$9.50

ODD LOTS

100 Exploration	$8.10
10 S'hai Cotton	$105.00
100 Exploration	$8.20
300 Exploration	$8.20
400 Exploration	$8.25
500 China Realty	$1.20
100 S'hai Loan	$6.25
400 S'hai Land	$9.50

Afternoon Session

T15,000 China Realty 8% Debs.	T63.00
$3,000 S'hai Telephone 6% Debs.	$86.25
$1,300 S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$82.25
800 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$16.90
1,000 New Eng. (Pref)	$7.90
700 C. G. Omnibus	$22.50
500 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$16.80
1,000 Cathay Land	$2.20
100 Kaiping	$26.25
500 New Eng. (Ord)	$5.70
4,000 S'hai Loan	$6.00
1,000 Tanah Merah	$1.90
500 S'hai Loan	$5.95
1,000 China Realty	$1.17½

ODD LOTS

20 S'hai Telephone	$69.00
200 S'hai Land	$9.50
500 China Realty	$1.20
3 S. W. W. "A" £20	$620.00

London Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 12.

An easier trend was witnessed on the Stock Exchange today, which persisted during most of the session owing to lack of support. However, a better feeling was in evidence after the opening in Wall Street when International issues led other groups on a modest improvement. Goldminings after an early decline rallied.—Reuter.

	Dec. 10	11
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£98⅛	98 1/16
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	46	45½
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	56	55¾

Osaka, Dec. 13.

Kogo 5% Y.103.40

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	19/6	19/6
Armstrong Stevens	8/3	8/3
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	39/-	39/-
Austin Motors, ord.	24/4½	24/4½
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	21/6	21/10½
British American Tob.	97/6	98/1½
Cable & W., new form	34	32¾
Cammell Laird, ord.	7/3	7/3
Courtaulds	27/4½	28/-
Distillers	89/-	89/-
Dunlop Rubber	23/-	23/-
General Elec. (Eng.)	77/-	77/-
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	102/6	102/6
Hawker	23/7½	24/-
Imp. Chem. Indus.	29/7½	29/9
Imp. Tobacco	129/4½	130/-
Leyland Motors	89/-	89/4½
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	55/7½	55/7½
Pressed Steel, com.	14/4½	14/3
Rolls-Royce	110/-	110/-
Smethwick Drop Forgings	16/9	16/6
Tate & Lyle	55/-XB	54/6
Turner & Newall	77/4½	77/7½
United Steel	21/4½	21/7½
Vickers, ord.	22/1½	22/-
Woolworths	55/10½	56/3
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo-Dutch	25/7½	25/6
Rubber Pltn. Trust	27/6	27/9
MINES		
Burma Corp.	8/6	8/6
Commonwealth Min.	1/7½	1/7½
Marsman Invests.	16/3	16/-
Randfontein Ests.	40/4½	40/6
Sub-Nigel	232/6	228/9
Tanami Gold Min.	6d.	6d.
Western Holdings	13/6	13/3
OILS		
Anglo-Iranian	89/4½	88/9
Burmah	82/6	82/6
Mexican Eagle	4/9	4/9
Shell Trans. & Trad.	80/7½	79/4½

XB—Ex. Bonus.

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£74	74½
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	72	72
4½% Anglo-French Loan	68	68
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	38½	37½
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	53½	53½
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	13½	14
5% Honan Rly., 1905	26	26
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	25½	25
5% ,, ,, (Ger. Is.)	23½	23
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	14	13½
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	24½	24
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	18½	18½
5% ,, ,, G.	18	18
5% ,, ,, (Supl. Loan) B.	18	18
5% ,, ,, (Supl. Loan) G.	18	18
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	18½	18½
S'hai Elec. Construction	25/- N	25/- N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	19½ N	19½ N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	30½	30½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	9¼	9¼
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	81	81
,, ,, (Col. Reg.)	83	83
Chinese Eng. & Min.	18/3	18/-
Chosen Corp.	7/6	7/6
Pekin Syndicate	2/- N	2/- N
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	20/7½	20/7½

N—Nominal.

British Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 12.

Among commodities, cotton prices ruled firm, owing to a scarcity of offers.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 8 unc; sellers 8⅛ +1/16; Jan. del. buyers 8 unc; sellers 8⅛ unc.

London Sugar (buyers): Mar. 5/11¼ —½; May 5/11¼ —¾; Aug. 5/11¾ —¾.

Liverpool Wheat: Dec. 4/10⅛ +⅝; Mar. 4/9 +⅜; May 4/9⅛ +⅛.

Liverpool Cotton: Amer. Futures: Jan. 4.76 +13; Mar. 4.76 +11; May 4.71 +11; July 4.63 +9; Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7): Jan. 7.35 +16; Mar. 7.29 +16; May 7.25 +16.

London Metals: Copper, Stan. cash sellers £43⅛ +3/16; 3 mths sellers £43⅜ +3/16; Copper, Electrolytic, buyers £48¾ unc; sellers £49½ unc; Tin, Stan. cash sellers £214⅛ +⅝; 3 mths sellers £215 +½; Lead, For. official price, sellers £15 +⅛; 3 mths del. official price, sellers £15 3/16 +⅛; Spelter, Ord. official price, sellers £13 11/16 +¼; 3 mths del. official price, sellers £13⅞ +3/16.—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 12.

Stock prices on Wall Street today closed steady, with most issues recording fractional gains. Year-end tax selling and the early hesitancy of operators were offset by good absorption, which was influenced by the favourable technical position of the market, expectations of a growing recovery movement and better Christmas retail sales. Steels, Coppers, motors and oils mostly edged forward, while rails were inclined to be irregular. The turnover today amounted to 900,000 shares.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	149.71	148.23	148.65	+0.34
20 Rails	29.85	29.31	29.45	+0.35
15 Utilities	21.64	21.30	21.38	+0.04
40 Bonds	—	—	88.94	+0.15
11 Commod.	—	—	47.56	+0.02

	Dec. 10	12
Adams Express	10¼	10
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	24¼	24½
Allis Chalmers	45¾	46½
Amerada Corp.	B 68½	68
Amer. Can	95	94⅛
Amer. & For. Power	3	2⅞
,, ,, $7 pfd.	16	16
Amer. Locomotive	25	25½
Amer. Metal	38¼	38¾
Amer. Radiator	16⅛	16¼
Amer. Rolling Mill	20	20
Amer. Smelting	50¼	49½
Amer. Sugar Refining	21⅛	20¼
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	148½	149¼
Amer. Tobacco "B"	86	86
Amer. Waterworks	11⅞	11⅞
Anaconda Copper	33¼	33⅝
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	36⅝	36½
Auburn	B 3½	B 3½
Baltimore & Ohio	6⅜	6¼
Barber Asphalt Corp.	18⅝	18⅝
Barnsdall Oil Co.	17⅝	17⅝
Bethlehem Steel	71½	72
Boeing Airplane Co.	31	31¼
Borg Warner	30½	31⅛
Briggs Mfg. Co.	28⅝	28⅛
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	12½	12¼
,, $6 cum. pfd.	40¼	40
Can. Pacific Rly.	5½	5½
Case, J.I.	B 86	88½
Chase Nat. Bank	B 29¼	B 29½
Chesapeake & Ohio	33	33⅜
Chrysler	79	79¼
Columbia Gas & Elec.	6½	6½
,, ,, "A" pfd.	77	75
Coml. Credit	57	58
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1½	1¼
,, $6 cum. pfd.	45	46
Consolid. Edison	28⅝	28¾
Consolid. Oil	8⅝	8⅜
Continental Can	38½	38¾
Continental Oil	28¾	29
Corn Products	62⅛	62½
Curtiss Wright (com.)	6⅝	6¾
,, ,, "A"	25⅜	25⅛
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	19⅞	19⅞
Douglas Aircraft	71⅝	73¼
Du Pont de Nemours	146½	146¼
Eagle Picher Lead	12⅜	12⅛
Elec. Bond & Sh.	9⅜	9½
,, ,, $5 pfd.	B 55	B 55
,, ,, $6 pfd.	61	61
Elec. Power & Lt.	36¼	34¾
Flintkote	26¾	*27
Gen. Amer. Trans. Corp.	54⅜	53½
Gen. Elec.	41	41¾
Gen. Motors	47⅞	48⅛
Gen. Rly. Signal	B 21	21⅝
Glidden Co	23⅝	23¼
Goodrich (B.F.)	22⅜	22¼
,, $5 pfd.	64	64¼
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	34⅛	34¾
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	14⅝	B *14
Great Nthrn. Rly.	24⅝	25⅜
Great Western Sugar	25¾	25¾
Greyhound Corp.	20	20½
Hecker Products	10¼	10⅜
Homestake Min.	60½	61
Int. Nickel	53¼	53¼
Int. Tel. & Tel.	9	9
Johns Manville	101	103¼
Kennecott	42⅜	42¼
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	51¾	52⅛
Lockheed Aircraft	29½	29½
Loew's Inc.	58½	*57¼
Manhattan Shirt Co.	B 13	13
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	31⅞	31¾
McKesson & Rob.	9½/10½ B/A	9¼/9¾ B/A
Monsanto Chemical	104¼	104
Montgomery Ward	50¾	51⅜
Nat. City Bank	B 22½	B 22¼
Nat. Dairy Products	12½	12½
Nat. Distillers	27	27
Nat. Gypsum	14½	14⅝
Nat. Lead	27¼	27½
Nat. Power & Lt.	7¼	7⅛
Nat. Supply Co.	13⅞	14¼
New York Central	17½	17⅝
North Amer. Aviation	16⅝	16¾
North Amer.	21½	21¼
Northern Pacific	10½	10⅝
Pacific Gas & Elec.	28⅛	28¼
Pacific Lighting	40½	40¾
Packard Motors	4¼	4¼
Paramount Pictures Inc.	12⅛	12⅜
Pennsylvania R.R.	19⅞	19¾
Phelps Dodge	42	41¾
Phillips Petroleum	40⅝	40⅝
Public Serv. of N.J.	29¾	29⅛
Pure Oil	10⅛	10¼
Radio Corp. of Amer.	7¼	7¼
Republic Steel Co.	22⅛	22¼
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	44	43½
Schenley	17⅝	17¾
,, 5½% pfd.	75¾	75¾
Sears Roebuck	73¼	73
Shell Union Oil	13⅜	13½
Socony-Vacuum	Unq.	13¼
Sthrn. Pacific	17⅜	17½
Sthrn. Rly. $5 pfd.	29⅛	29½
Stand. Brands	6½	6⅝
Stand. Gas & Elec.	3	3¼
Stand. Oil of N.J.	50¼	50⅛
Stone & Webster	13¼	13½
Swift International	27⅜	27½
Technicolour	20	20
Texas Corp.	43¼	43⅛
Texas Gulf Sulphur	31¼	31¼
Transamerica (new)	6⅝	6⅞
Tw. Century Fox Film.	25¼	25½
,, ,, pfd.	34	34¼
Un. Carbide & Carbon	86¾	87¼
Un. Pacific	88½	88
Un. Aircraft (new)	38⅜	39¼
Un. Air Lines Trans.	11⅞	12
Un. Corp.	2⅞	3
,, $3 pfd.	35¾	35
Un. Gas Corp.	2⅝	2⅝
Un. Gas Improvement	10⅞	10¾
U. S. Rubber	48¾	49⅜
,, 8% pfd.	101½	101¾
U. S. Steel	62¼	62⅞
Vanadium	24½	24½
Warner Bros. Picts.	6	6⅛
Westinghouse Elec.	114	115
Woodward Iron	Unq.	24¼
BONDS		
Amer. & For. Power	51	51¼
Brazil	9¼	9¼
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Cities Serv.	71¼	71¼
Erie R.R.	12⅜	11⅞
Int. Tel. & Tel. 4½s	100	99
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	69¼	69⅛
New England Gas & Elec.	55	54
Peru	8¾	8⅞
Sthrn. Pacific R.R.	49¾	49⅝
Stand. Gas & Elec.	58½	59½

A—Asked B—Bid *Ex dividend.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Although demand was not particularly aggressive on the Stock Exchange today, the volume of selling dwindled and prices improved. The rise in industrial production to above the 1923-5 average, cessation of tax selling and resumption of investment buying brought about an improvement in prices ranging from fractions to above one point. Further favourable factors noted were: production of major industries holding at a high rate; steel operations resisting the normal seasonal declines; and, demand for new automobiles ruling at a high level.

Federal Reserve Returns

New York, Dec. 12.

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve system, in their report for the week ended December 7 respecting the entire body of reporting member banks of the system, reveal an increase of total loans amounting to $143,000,000 compared with the previous week but a decrease of $1,049,000,000 compared with the corresponding period of last year.

Investments show a decrease of $18,000,000 from last year, but an increase of $1,010,000,000 over the corresponding period of last year.

Total loans during the period under review amounted to $8,460,000,000, and investments totalled $12,990,000,000.—Reuter.

U.S. Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 12.

The cotton market early advanced on substantially higher Liverpool advices, shorts covering and trade and commission house buying, but later reacted on profit-taking and liquidation, despite steady Wall Street advices. Finally, the market further weakened on spot houses and foreign selling, but closed steady with quotations ranging from 2 to 5 points down.

Quiet conditions prevailed in the rubber market today, which however opened slightly higher on better overseas advices and some professional buying. Later, some factory demand met with liquidation and profit-taking, while speculative interest was somewhat lacking. At the final bell, losses of 5 to 10 points were recorded.

The firmness of the corn market imparted early buoyancy to Chicago wheat values, while higher Liverpool and Winnipeg advices bolstered sentiment. Later, traders became hesitant, and the market declined on realizing and liquidation, with the volume of business passing small. At the final ball, losses of ¼ of a cent were registered.

New York Cotton			New York Rubber		
Jan.	8.25 N	—04	Jan.	16.02 N	—05
Mar.	8.21-21	—02	Mar.	16.00-04	—06
May	8.01-01	—05	May	15.99-99	—06
July	7.72-72	—04	July	16.00 N	—10
Oct.	7.40-40	—04			

New York Sugar No. 4		New York Silk	
Mar.	1.09½-10½—½ B/A	Dec.	1.73½-74½ unc
May	1.11½-12 unc. B/A		

Chicago Wheat			Chicago Corn		
May	66⅞-66¾	—¼	May	54-54⅛	+1⅛
July	66½-66⅝	—¼	July	54⅝-54⅝	+1⅛

Winnipeg Wheat

May	64-64⅛	+¼
July	64⅝-64⅝	+¼

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

U.S. Production Index Up

Washington, Dec. 12.

The Federal Reserve reported today that November business activity had carried the reserve production index to slightly more than 100. In official quarters it was believed that current production is at a rate definitely above the 100 mark.

Major industries were reported to be holding it at high levels until operations resisted the normal seasonal recession and the demand for new automobiles was reported at a high rate.—United Press.

U.S. Unemployment Decreases

Washington, Dec. 12.

The American Federation of Labour reported today that its surveys show that unemployment declined by 90,000 during the month of November, thereby continuing a steady decrease that began last July.

Unemployment dropped from 10,465,000 in October to 10,375,000 in November, the report said. The figure was the lowest so far this year.

The year's highest point in number of unemployed was in July, with 11,445,134 men out of work.—United Press.

British Rubber Stocks

London, Dec. 12.

Stocks of rubber in Great Britain on December 10 were estimated at 88,086 tons, showing a decrease of 1,631 tons compared with the previous week.

The stock of rubber in London on December 10 totalled 56,968 tons, showing a decrease of 652 tons, while the stock at Liverpool was listed at 31,118 tons, representing a decline of 979 tons.

British rubber deliveries during the same period totalled 2,236 tons, compared with 1,386 tons during the previous week—an increase of 850 tons.

Deliveries in London during this period totalled 1,179 tons as against 1,045 tons for the week ended December 3—an increase of 134 tons.

Liverpool deliveries with a total of 1,057 tons, reveal an increase of 716 tons.—Reuter.

U.S. Steel Mill Operations

New York, Dec. 12.

Steel mill activity in the United States for the week commencing December 12 was placed at 57.6 per cent. of capacity, according to the weekly report of the American Iron and Steel Institute, which was issued today.

This compares with 59.9 per cent. of capacity last week and 27.4 per cent. of capacity for the corresponding period of last year, showing a decrease of 2.3 per cent. of capacity and an increase of 30.2 per cent. of capacity respectively, compared with the figure for the week under review.—Reuter.

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Dec. 12.

The share market witnessed a further decline today because Jewish and other offers found practically no demand. Compared with the Saturday's quotations, Daimler-Benz dropped 2¾ per cent. to 127.25, Demag 2¼ to 141.5, Reichsbank 2 per cent. to 185, AEG 2 per cent. to 111. The downward tendency continued till closing time.

Call money went up by ⅛ and stood at 3 to 3¼.—Trans-Ocean.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Dec. 12.

The Bourse opened heavy on the majority of counters today. Large sales during the session accentuated the low quotations and by closing-time, most stocks had registered noticeable declines.—Havas.

French Budget Gets Past First Hurdle

Paris, Dec. 13.

The Finance Committee of the Chamber of Deputies early this morning adopted the Budget for 1939, in which revenue exceeds expenditure by Frs. 24,000,000. The voting was 25 for and seventeen against its adoption.—Reuter.

Britain on Road to Trade Recovery

Sir John Simon Notes Good Signs for Upward Trend

London, Dec. 13.

There are signs of the pendulum preparing again to swing in the direction of recovery. declared Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in addressing the National Union of Manufacturers yesterday.

With an international situation so troubled and uncertain as the present one, he added, even limited indications of improvement become doubly significant and encouraging and there are such signs.

There is, continued Sir John Simon, an industrial quickening in America, which is bound to have repercussions on world trade, while the figures of Britain's own industrial activity, when an allowance is made for time-lag, also show signs that the United Kingdom is being benefited by the upward movement.—Reuter.

U.S. to Extend Export And Import Bank

Government Experts Now Studying Proposal

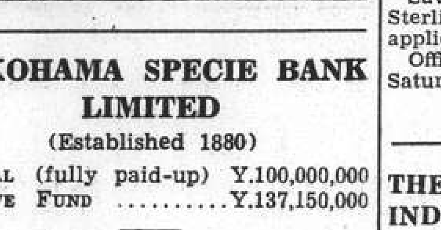
Washington, Dec. 13.

A plan to expand the Government-owned Export and Import Bank, with the object of assisting manufacturers to increase their exports to Latin America, is under consideration by Government experts.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, said yesterday that the plan had the full knowledge and approval of the State Department.

The chief problem of the plan, he continued, was how to make dollar exchange available to Latin American countries to enable them to pay for imports from the United States.—Reuter.

THE children of members of China's fighting units who have fallen in battle, says a report to the "Wen Wei Pao," are being temporarily sent to work in the newly set up factories of the military authorities in Kweiyang, capital of Kweichow. They are given free board and lodging, and after having worked for a period of six months will be given a bonus in addition to wages and other suitable rewards, the report adds.



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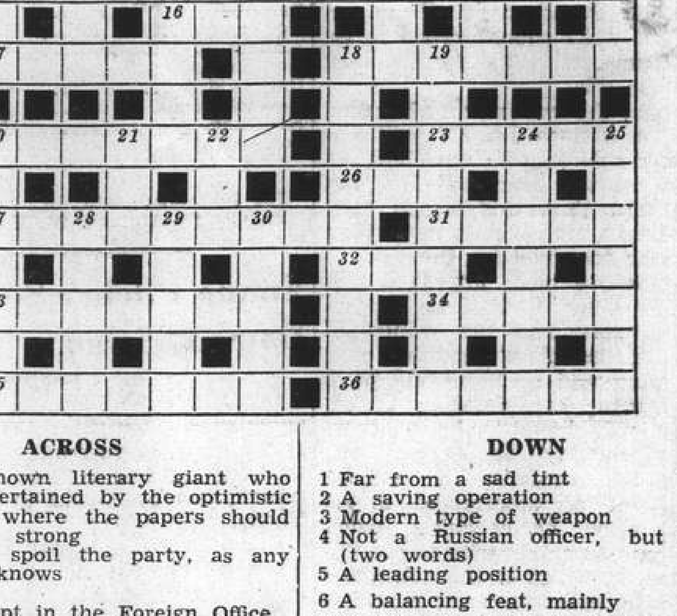

ACROSS

1 A well-known literary giant who is not entertained by the optimistic
5 A duster where the papers should be is not strong
9 This may spoil the party, as any politician knows
10 Bright
11 This is kept in the Foreign Office
12 A burglar may take it, and leave empty-handed
13 Often a domestic fib, apparently abroad (three words)
16 This doubled in is a killer
17 English river
18 This does more than merely score a bull
20 The crossing of it is decisive
23 Language a bad "bookie" sometimes lends an ear to
26 Double it for a dance
27 Not the part of the play where the murderer meets his fate!
31 Part of Belgium we left many this
32 This ping is sound enough for experienced airmen
33 One can acquire it, of course, from a large B.A.
34 A profound writer
35 It's a bit strong when there's not even half a gentleman in the vessel
36 Epithet for those Autumn beans!

DOWN

1 Far from a sad tint
2 A saving operation
3 Modern type of weapon
4 Not a Russian officer, but a flag (two words)
5 A leading position
6 A balancing feat, mainly
7 A stage in a butterfly's life
8 This part of a man may be a foot
14 Trouble
15 A weed killer, one might say
18 With cost unknown, yet far too dear!
19 When this is in action blade cuts blade
20 The rear guard on the road (two words)
21 This in a ling is lame
22 Change a flier who never flew to a swimmer
24 A name famous on the courts
25 With complete straight forwardness some birds have made their home in a vessel apparently
28 Musical instrument
29 A rattling good favourite with the warlike
30 Nice, in a way

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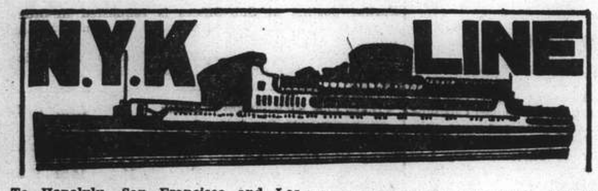

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†TAIYO MARU	Jan. 5

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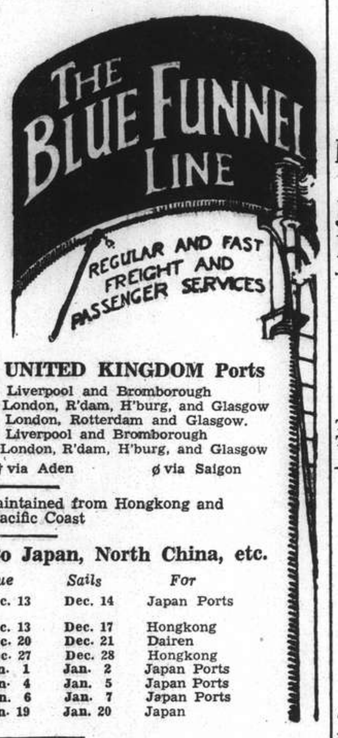

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	BELLEROPHON	Dec. 19	Havre, Liverpool and Bromborough
B*	MENESTHEUS	Dec. 24	M'lles, London, R'dam, H'burg, and Glasgow
A	AENEAS	Jan. 7	M'lles, London, Rotterdam and Glasgow.
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		From	Due	Sails	For
A	AENEAS	Liverpool	Dec. 13	Dec. 14	Japan Ports
C	IXION	Pacific Coast	Dec. 13	Dec. 17	Hongkong
C	HELENUS	Liverpool	Dec. 20	Dec. 21	Dairen
C	PHEMIUS	New York	Dec. 27	Dec. 28	Hongkong
B	MENELAUS	Liverpool	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Japan Ports
A	SARPEDON	Liverpool	Jan. 4	Jan. 5	Japan Ports
	TITAN	Gdynia.	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Japan Ports
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			Due Shanghai
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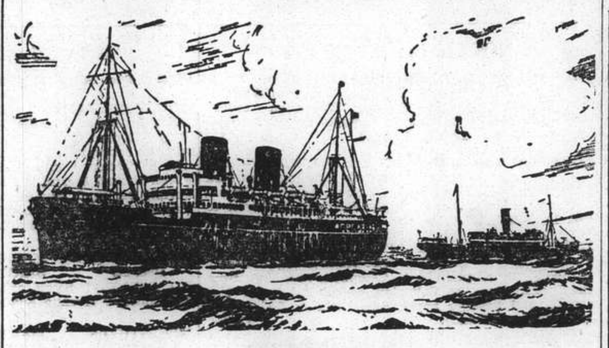

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Dec. 23	Dec. 26	Dec. 28	Jean Laborde	Dec. 31	Jan. 2	Jan. 3
Jan. 6			Voyage Cancelled			Jan. 17
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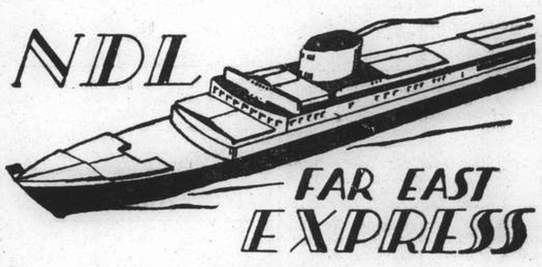

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ms. Johan v. Oldenbarnevelt	19,000	Feb. 8	Feb. 10	Feb. 28
ms. Dempo	17,000	Feb. 15	Feb. 17	Mar. 7
ss. Johan de Witt	10,400	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 22
ms. Indrapoera	10,800	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 28
ms. Marnix v. St. Aldegonde	19,100	Mar. 22	Mar. 24	Apr. 11
ms. Baloeran	17,000	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 18
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Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

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FOOSHING Dec. 15. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Jardine's Pootung Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 15, p.m. "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 15-12

SHENGKING Dec. 17. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—The China Navigation Co.'s ss. Shengking, Captain Y. N. Campbell, will leave from the French Bund on Saturday, Dec. 17, at noon. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 17-12

YUSANG Dec. 17. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 17-12

WOSANG Dec. 19. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Monday, Dec. 19, at 11.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 19-12

SOUTH CHINA COAST

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TAKSANG Dec. 15. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONG-CHOWWAN, HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 4.45 p.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 15-12

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KINGYUAN Dec. 16. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONG-CHOWWAN, HOIHOW and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Friday, Dec. 16, at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 15-12

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TINGSANG Dec. 17. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, Dec. 17, at noon. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 17-12

SUIYANG Dec. 18. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 18-12

LEESANG Dec. 20. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, Dec. 20. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 20-12

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JAPAN

AENEAS Dec. 14. KOBE and YOKOHAMA.—First Class Passenger Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Agents Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 14-12

STRAITS AND EUROPE

TEMERAIRE Dec. 16. CASABLANCA, HAVRE, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and OSLO via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE and PORT SAID.—Motorvessel Temeraire of the Wilhelmsen Lines will be despatched from Shanghai on or about December 16, for the above-mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading issued for all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. For freight or passage please apply to Dodwell and Company, Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 16-12

GLENAPP Dec. 17. CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and ANTWERP via HONGKONG and STRAITS.—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents, Glen Line Ltd. Tel. 15290. 17-12

BELLEROPHON Dec. 19. HAVRE, LIVERPOOL and BROMBOROUGH.—For freight apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 19-12

NORDMARK Dec. 19. ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM and HAMBURG via PORTS.—(Captain C. Wullweber), on or about Dec. 19, 1938. For freight please apply to Hamburg-Amerika Linie, Filiale Shanghai, 20 Canton Road. Tel. 18709. 19-12

Vessels Leaving

STRAITS AND EUROPE

CORFU Dec. 20. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Last tender leaves Customs Jetty 1.30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20. Hand packages only will be accepted by the Tender. Heavy Baggage will be received into Lighter at Customs Jetty between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19. Customs Permit required for nailed cases. For Freight and Passage Apply to Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 20-12

MAR. JOFFRE Dec. 22. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 22-12

MENESTHEUS Dec. 24. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW. For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 24-12

BANGALORE Dec. 27. BOMBAY, MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, HULL, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP and LONDON via HONGKONG, STRAITS and CEYLON.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., 27 The Bund. Tel. 11428. 27-12

NANKING Dec. 27. ALGIERS, ORAN, CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, OSLO and GOTHENBURG.—The Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.'s m.s. Nanking will leave Shanghai on or about December 27, for the above mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading to all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. Cargo for U.K. ports accepted on Optional Bs/L. For freight and passage please apply to the Ekman Foreign Agencies Ltd., Hamilton House, Foochow Road Entrance. Tel. 11330. 27-12

Vessels Discharging

MARECHAL JOFFRE. From Marseilles via Ports with Cargo ss. "Chateau Larose" and "Koutoubia" arrived on December 11, and is discharging her cargo at Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for exchange of Delivery Orders and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by consignees and claims against this steamer must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival or they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Wednesday, December 14, 1938, at 9 a.m. at the Wharf by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. No Insurance effected. Cie des Messageries Maritimes. 14-12

SILVERSANDAL. The mv. Silversandal, from United States and way ports.—The vessel is now discharging all her cargo (except Opium and Munition of War) at the Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. (Consignees of bulk cargo, will further be required to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst it is being landed). All claims against this vessel must be sent within fourteen days from date of vessel's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risk of fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of cargo. Examination of broken and ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Saturday, December 17, at 9 a.m., when Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy will attend. Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 15-12

AENEAS. From Liverpool arrived on Dec. 13, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on December 22, 1938. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Friday, December 16, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 16-12

DUISBURG. From Hamburg, Bremen, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Genoa and via Ports.—This vessel is now discharging all her cargo, at the Old Ningpo Wharf, subject to the usual terms and conditions as shown on the Wharf Tariff. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees of "Bulk" cargo are further requested to send their representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst being landed. Damaged cargo will be examined at the Wharf on December 20, 1938, at 9.30 a.m., by the Surveyors, Tesdorff, Hannig & Co. No examination will be made after this date. All claims against this vessel must be sent in within fifteen days after the vessel's arrival. Claims sent in after this period will not be recognized. No Insurance will be effected. Hamburg-Amerika Linie Filiale Schanghai, No. 20 Canton Road. Tel. 18709. 16-12

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Date and Destination	Per		Reg.	Ord.
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 14.				
Haimen Che.	Santarem		12.00	12.30
Tsingtao	Fausang		13.30	14.00
Nantung	Nantung M.		14.30	15.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Haian	Liwo		16.30	17.00
Amoy and Hongkong	Tsinan		19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, Dec. 15.				
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	Nagasaki M.		*20.00	7.15
Tsingtao and Dairen	Dairen M.		*20.00	7.15
Chefoo and Tientsin	Fooshing	X	9.30	10.00
Swatow and Hongkong	Hunan		12.00	12.30
Kwangtung	Hunan		12.00	12.30
Haimen Che.	Hanna		12.00	12.30
Tsinkiang Chuanchow	Shinkuang		12.30	13.00
Swatow Hongkong Kwongchowwan Pakhoi Yunnan	Taksang		13.30	14.00
Kwangtung and Kwangsi	Taksang		13.30	14.00
Japan via Kobe	Taiyo M.		16.00	16.30
Indo-China (Z) via H'phong	Kingyuan	A	—	—
Swatow Hongkong Kwongchowwan and Yunnan	Kingyuan		19.30	20.00
Kwangtung and Kwangsi	Kingyuan		19.30	20.00
Haimen Che. and Wenchow	M. Margarida		19.30	20.00
FRIDAY, Dec. 16.				
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	J. Justesen	X	8.30	10.00
Chinwangtao	J. Justesen	X	9.30	10.00
H'gkong Canton Aust. N.Z.	Temeraire	BX	15.30	16.00
Foochow	Kwaisang		19.30	20.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.60 on 15th.
B Parcel mail for S.S., F.M.S., Ceylon, Egypt, E-Soudan, Holland, Germany and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 16th.
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Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

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Next steamer mails will be closed as follow:—
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ss. Conte Biancamano, via Suez, Dec. 20, due London January 17.
ss. Empress of Russia, via Pacific, December 25, due London January 22.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service (Hongkong-Bangkok-London and Hongkong-Bangkok-Singapore-Australia) per ss. Temeraire, at 4 p.m. on December 16, and due Bracciano, Italy on December 28, and London on December 29.
Pan American Airways Service (Hongkong-San Francisco) per ss. Menestheus, at 4 p.m. on Dec. 23, and due San Francisco on January 4.
Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per ss. Corfu, at 12.00 on December 20, and due Amsterdam on January 3, and London on January 4.
Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per available steamer to Hongkong for transmission to Saigon.
Air France (Hanoi-Marseilles) from Hongkong per available steamer to Hanoi every Saturday.
Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service:—Air mails close daily at 8 p.m. Mails for America may be sent to-day by air mail to Japan for connection with ss. Empress of Canada leaving Yokohama on December 16.

Domestic Air Mail

Air mails for Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line close at 12.00 (At Yuhang Road Sub-Office daily at 11.30 a.m.
Air mails for Ningsia, Shensi, Szechwan, Yunnan, Kweichow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west thereof are to be forwarded to Hongkong for further transmission by the Hongkong-Chungking plane.

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Light mails for or via Hangchow close daily at 9 a.m. and 9.30 p.m.; for Kashing and Sunkiang close daily at 9 a.m.
Light mails for or via River Ports beyond Kiukiang per available steamer via Wenchow.
Light mails for Kiangpei Offices west and north of Haian via Chinkiang close daily at 9.30 p.m.

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Whangpu	Br.	B.&S.
Com. Paolini	Ital.	C.I.N
Faro	Port.	P.N.&T.
Luise	Ger.	Keh Lee
Hanwo	Br.	Jardine
Chengteh	Br.	B.&S.
Don Joao	Port.	Tung Lee
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Talma	Br.	Mackenzie
Yatshing	Br.	Jardine
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Talien	Jap.	Wan Woo
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Sacramento	Am.	Gbt.	S.O.C.W.
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Tahure	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.
Asahi	Jap.	Rps.	8/9 B.
Asahi M.	Jap.	Res.	16/17 B.
Denmark M.	Jap.	Tr.	37/38 B.
Hakkaisan M.	Jap.	Tr.	43/44 B.
Hato 11	Jap.	Dest.	5/6 B.
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Itukushima	Jap.	Dest.	7/8 B.
Kigi 11	Jap.	Dest.	5/6 B.
Kurosaki	Jap.	Dest.	8/9 B.
Natsushima	Jap.	Dest.	4/5 B.
Osaka M.	Jap.	Tr.	36/37 B.
Rakuto M.	Jap.	Jap.	38/39 B.
Saga M.	Jap.	Tr.	C.M.L.W.
Saki 11	Jap.	Dest.	1/2 B.
Sakishima	Jap.	Dest.	4/5 B.
Shoko M.	Jap.	Tr.	35/36 B.
Shohei M.	Jap.	Tr.	C.M.L.W.
Sinubari M.	Jap.	Tr.	N.Y.K.P.W.
Siratage	Jap.	Dest.	9/10 B.
Syokyu M.	Jap.	Tr.	40/41 B.
Toshima	Jap.	Dest.	N.B.K.U.W.
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Wooling M.	Jap.	Tr.	C.M.C.W.
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Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Ixion	Japan	B.&S.
Dragao	Wenchow	P.S.S.N.
Kondor	Tinghai	Reuter B.
Santarem	Tinghai	P.N.&T.
Don Luis	Wenchow	C.A.S.S.
Duisburg	Hongkong	H.-A.L.
Aeneas	Hongkong	B.&S.
Fooshing	Hongkong	Jardine
Tsinan	Hongkong	B.&S.
Ave-Maria	Tungchow	Tung Lee
Haikong	Hsinkong	Keh Lee
Tseangtah	Tungchow	Mow Tung
Silversandal	Japan	J.C.J.L.
Dollar	River Ports	Parsons
Dairen M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Louise Moller	H. Yangkong	James Lee
Ikwang	Wenchow	A.P.C.
Hansi	C'yingsha	G.F.E.
Tungwo	Hsinkong	Jardine
Taiyo M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
Daichu M.	River Ports	N.K.K.

Weather, Time and Tide

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1938 (23rd day of 10th moon)	Siccawei December 12 16.00	Siccawei December 12 21.00	Siccawei December 13 4.00	Siccawei December 13 9.00	Gutzlaff 9.00	Gutzlaff 14.00
Barometer inches at 32 F.	30.20	30.21	30.24	30.31	—	—
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.21	—0.23	—0.12	—0.03	—	—
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	—0.16	—0.13	—0.04	+0.10	—	—
Wind (direction)	ESE	Calme	W	WNW	—	—
" (miles per hour)	7.4	0.0	10.6	14.3	—	—
Temperature (Fahr.)	54.°1	53.°8	50.°5	56.°8	—	—
Humidity %	99	98	99	100	—	—
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	10	—	—
Rainfall inches	0.25	0.19	0.12	0.06	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report December 12	Mean 1938	24 hours variation	Previous average same period (65 years)
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.28	—0.15	31.31
Temp. Min. 48.°4 Max. 57.°7	53.°1	+1.°9	43.°9
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	47.96	0.52	43.71

Date	14/12	15/12	16/12	17/12	18/12	19/12	20/12	21/12	22/12
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.44	6.45	6.45	6.46	6.47	6.47	6.48	6.48	6.49
Sun sets at Shanghai	16.52	16.53	26.53	16.53	16.54	16.54	16.55	16.55	16.55
Moon rises at Shanghai	—	0.47	1.46	2.45	3.43	4.38	5.31	6.22	7.08
Moon sets at Shanghai	12.01	12.38	13.15	13.55	14.36	15.21	16.08	16.58	17.50
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18.00	15.47	17.05	5.48	7.05	7.50	8.22	8.47	9.15	10.45
Ebb makes Shai. 6 to 18.00	7.45	9.12	10.45	12.08	13.05	13.53	14.35	15.15	15.55
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18.00	17.39	6.20	7.46	8.52	9.45	10.34	11.18	11.45	12.16
Height above LLW. (feet)	7.00	6.65	7.45	8.18	8.75	9.60	10.26	—	9.08

Passenger Lists

Scharnhorst Arrivals

Passengers arriving in Shanghai aboard the Norddeutscher Lloyd liner Scharnhorst from Japan yesterday included:

Mr. Fred. V. Wagner, Mr. Gilmore Bradfort, Mrs. G. Bradfort, Mr. Lewis H. Putney, Mrs. Florence Putney, Mr. Harold Irwine, Mrs. Olive Irwine, Mrs. Joan Robertson, Mr. Yasujiro Ito, Mr. Kihli Kayama, Mr. Tomotero Nakajama, Mrs. Hedwig Burdewick, Mr. Carlo Andreoli, Mr. William Greenhalgh, Mr. Thomas A. Cooper, Mrs. Wanda Klun, Mr. Dayaran Mahtani, Mr. Jagopal Naraindas, Mr. Dev. Raizada Dharam, Mrs. Elise Oberg, and Mrs. Reba C. Gillis.

Among the passengers leaving Shanghai yesterday on the Scharnhorst which sailed for Hongkong and Europe were:

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Baskerville, Dr. and Mrs. Berrer, Mrs. L. L. Bunje, Mrs. Joan Edwards, Mr. R. Ganz, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibson, Mr. A. T. Gillespie, Mr. Kannson Gee, Mr. Th. Hohn, Mr. Hermann Huber, Mr. G. Haynes, Mrs. L. W. Irle, Mr. G. Korndoerfer, Mrs. K. Lam, Mrs. R. N. Larchar, Mrs. W. Lutowicz, Mr. and Mrs. E. Markworth, Mr. J. F. McGregor, Mr. F. Miller, Mr. R. Picozzi, Mrs. T. A. Prokopieff, Miss Thelma E. Reinhardt, Mr. V. Reinhardt, Mr. G. Samson, Mrs. L. M. da Silva, Mr. H. Theophile.

Mr. J. W. Bitner, Mr. J. A. Cashman, Mr. H. K. Charls, Mrs. B. Elder, Pater E. Feifel, Mr. Ernest Fontana, Mr. Bob Gallimore, Mr. Dick Gallimore, Mr. S. Gordeef, Mr. W. Haude, Prof. Georg Hilgers, Mr. R. T. Kirl, Bruder B. H. Krahe, Miss Catherine Macdonald, Miss M. Malone, Miss Moira Malone, Mr. G. H. Moss, Mrs. N. Oswin, Mrs. C. Reifenrath, Mrs. L. G. Richards, Father C. A. Ruys, Mr. Kohji Sasaki, Mrs. A. C. J. Sabalot, Mrs. N. T. Saunders, Mr. G. Schwuchow, Mr. G. Schwuchow, Mrs. L. Schwuchow, Miss E. M. Seidel, Rev. Father G. Seys, Mr. W. A. Shann, Mr. F. C. Sing, Mrs. W. A. Sissler, Mr. David Tappan, Miss Ruth Tappan, Miss Jean Thomas, Miss Carol Thomson, Miss Avis Thomson, Miss Priscilla Thomson, Mrs. B. Tieslau, Mr. Wilhelm Trendel, Mr. D. W. Vaswani, Mrs. G. M. Weston, Mrs. F. Williams.

Among the passengers who sailed yesterday morning for Hongkong on the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia were:

Mr. Geo. and Mrs. Lynott, Mr. S. Clark, Brig-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten, and Mrs. Macnaghten, Mr. B. F. Colson, Mr. H. E. Westerdarp, Mrs. M. C. Baldwin, Mr. F. J. Robinson, Mrs. and Master Robinson, Mr. N. E. A. Moller, Mr. R. B. Moller, Mr. M. A. Constantimoff, Mr. H. A. Reshetoff, Mr. H. S. Dunn, Mr. J. F. Halle, Mr. A. Stranger, Mr. B. C. Lee. Among the passengers sailed for Manila in the same vessel were, Mr. J. Huck, Miss P. Larco, Mr. Salsamendi Lasheras Mr. J. Davies, Mr. T. T. Kolott, Mrs. A. R. Weibel, Mrs. A. R. Marston.

Shuntien Passengers

Passengers leaving on the Shuntien which sailed yesterday for Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin were:

Capt. and Mrs. Chauveau, Miss Harris, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Penton, Lady Dalton, Mr. J. Hansard, Mr. A. Isipris, Capt. Fleurant, Mr. Greer, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Woolley, Mr. Berthet, Mrs. Milliken, Mrs. Berthet and child, Mr. R. H. Heyworth, Hon. Mrs. F. A. Butler, Mrs. Cobham, Mr. A. W. Sawyer, Mr. R. F. Harris, Mr. J. Greiner, Mr. Coudez, Mr. Besancon, Miss Ren.

Kwantung List

Among the passengers departing on the ss. Kwantung which sailed yesterday for Swatow, Hongkong, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong were:

Mr. F. B. Kunstein, Mr. L. Kunstein, and Mr. J. Furness.

Arrivals From the North

Arrivals in Shanghai on the ss. Fausang from Tsingtao yesterday were:—

Mr. H. Wolcken, Mr. R. T. Evans, Mr. L. R. Bowken, Mr. Liu Jei San, Mr. Chao Wei Hsing, and Mr. P. V. Kremen.